IF WE HAD NO DEFECTS OURSELVES, WE SHOULD NOT TAKE SO MUCH PLEASURE IN NOTING THOSE OF OTHERS.—Le Rochefoucauld

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COUNTY 4-H CLUBS BEGIN YEAR'S WORK

By the end of December, six clubs in Oxford County had their program of work in and checked meeting the first requirement for the seal of achievement. The clubs having their program of work in are: Perkins Valley, South Woodstock, led by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Appleby; the Bluebirds Club of Norway, under the leadership of Mrs. Chesley W. Nelson; Busy-bodies 4-H Club, led by Andrew Welch of Buckfield; So-Sews 4-H, under the leadership of Mrs. Ethel Ripley of South Paris; Merry Toilers, led by Mrs. Iola Forbes of Bethel, and the Happy Hustlers of Denmark, under the leadership of Mrs. Verna Moulton.

Other clubs in the county that have reorganized are: Hollow Farmers, Greenwood, led by Mrs. Nestor Tamminen; Up and a Going 4-H of South Paris, under the leadership of Mrs. Alexander Stearns; Western Maine Dairy Club of So. Paris, led by Harold Shaw, Jr.; the Crooked River 4-H Club, led by Mrs. Harlan Bumpus of Albany; Ever Onward 4-H of North Paris, led by Mrs. Iona Andrews; Junior Bees of Buckfield, under the leader ship of Mrs. Marion Alden, and the Busy Beavers of Norway Lake led by Mrs. Stella Jackson.

A new club will be organized in South Paris during the month of January. Mrs Madeline Huntoon has volunteered her services to lead the club. Mrs. Edna Heim of Lovell has also offered her services to lead a club which will be organized in January.

FRYEBURG ACADEMY MEETS GOULD HERE FRIDAY

After a three weeks lay-off Gould Academy's basketball squad has again resumed workouts in preparation for the opening Western Maine Conference game, which finds Fryeburg Academy visiting the Bethel campus. The game time has been pushed ahead to 7:30 due to the fact that there will be no preliminary game. Transportation difficulties make it impossible for the visitors to carry more than one team.

Gould got off to a good start in upsetting Rumford 26-25 in a pre-holiday game but as yet they have not regained their best form after being idle for three full weeks. Nothing has been heard concerning the strength of the visiting aggregation but local fans can be assured that Fryeburg-Gould games will be real thrillers.

The following week the "Blue and Gold" will travel to Rumford where they expect to step into a hornets' nest, The Panthers have been knocking off opponents at will lately and the local club is not going to be fooled into over-confidence. They know the Rumford club is itching to avenge that early season setback.

BETHEL W. S. C. S. EARNS OVER $500 IN LAST YEAR

The annual meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service was held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. M. A. Gordon. Devotions were led by Mrs. Gordon. The treasurer reported that $501.06 had been earned by the society during 1943 and presented a detailed report. Reports were also given by the chairmen of various committees.

The nominating committee, Mrs. Herbert Bean, Mrs. Irvin French, and Mrs. Ada Tyler, presented the list of officers for the coming year and they were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. M. A. Gordon
1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Earl Davis
2nd Vice-Pres. — Mrs. Sherman Greenleaf
Secretary—Mrs. Sidney Dyke
Treasurer—Mrs. Norman Hall

Program committee for the year is Mrs. Earl Davis, Mrs. Sherman Greenleaf and Mrs. Sidney Dyke.

It was voted to hold a business meeting on the first Thursday of each month and at that time to plan a social meeting to be held later in the month. The mite boxes were opened by the missionary secretary, the proceeds amounting to $19.57.

OFFICERS ELECTED TUESDAY IN ELEANOR GORDON GUILD

The Eleanor Gordon Guild met at the home of Miss Abigail Gill Tuesday for the annual meeting. Officers chosen are:

President—Mrs. Cecil Parker
Vice-President — Miss Beatrice Brown
Secretary—Miss Barbara Luxton
Treasurer—Miss Abigail Gill
Press Correspondent—Miss Barbara Luxton

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Jan. 25.

PARENT-TEACHERS WIN 115 IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held Monday evening at the Grammar School. Mrs. Clayton Fossett, chairman of the program committee, presented the following program: piano solos, Donald Lord; violin solos, Miss SShirley Reed, acompanied by Miss Ann Griggs. Richmond Roderick showed movies which he had taken of physicial education classes and scenes around the Gould Academy campus.

At the business meeting it was reported that 115 members were secured during the recent membership drive. The drive was won by the sixth and seventh grades, and they will be entertained by the fifth and eighth grades. It was voted to donate $5 to the War Chest fund.

Mr. Sawin expressed his thanks for the Christmas gift.

The program committee for the February meeting is Mrs. William Chapman, Mrs. Ruth Carver, and Mrs. Edith Clement.

CHESTER WHEELER

Chester Wheeler died at the Rumford hospital this Thursday morning after a short illness of pneumonia. He was born in Bethel April 19, 1869, the son of Clifford and Elmira Cummings Wheeler, and had lived in Bethel the greater part of his life.

He married Miss Cornelia A. Bennett of Gilead on Aug. 3, 1905. Six children were born to them, five of whom are now living. Their eldest son, Stanley, died in infancy.

As a young man, Mr. Wheeler learned the creamery business at Turner Center, and was manager of the Bethel Creamery for some time and was also engaged in the same business at Hiram. More recently he has engaged in farming and purchased the Verrill property near West Bethel several years ago, where he has since lived.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and a Past Grand of Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Besides his wife, Mr. Wheeler is survived by five children, Miss Hope Wheeler and Roger Wheeler, who live at home, Capt. Albert S. Wheeler of Fort Washington, Wash., Cpl. Chester C. Wheeler of Kerns, Utah, and Miss Esther Wheeler of Burlingame, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Grover and Mrs. Olive Wood of Bethel; two brothers, Wesley Wheeler of Bethel and Lyman Wheeler of Phillips; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held from Greenleaf's funeral home at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery.

MAINE SEED POTATOES IN GREAT DEMAND

Warning that a "serious shortage of seed stock" may develop during the coming months, Plant Industry Chief E. L. Newdick, of the Maine Department of Agriculture, urged Maine potato growers today to close contracts for their needs "as soon as possible."

Although there is "a normal supply" of seed in Maine at present, Newdick pointed out that the demand from other states is "much greater than usual," a condition that is rapidly diminishing existing stocks. He said that some areas in the country that seldom buy Maine seed are making inquiries at present.

Newdck stated that results of the Florida tests of foundation stock would be available "during the early part of February" and could be obtained from county agents, from the Experimental Station or from the Department of Agriculture.

"There just isn't enough high quality seed to meet the demand this year and if our Maine growers don't assure themselves of their supplies as soon as possible there is grave danger that plant schedules will be seriously disrupted," he said.

JEFFERSON CHAPTER, O. E. S. CHOOSES YEAR'S OFFICERS

The annual meeting of Jefferson Chapter, O. E. S., of Bryant Pond was held at Masonic Hall Friday evening, Jan. 7. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Worthy Matron
—Mrs. Adelaide Lister
Worthy Patron
—George Flanders
Associate Matron
—Mrs. Melva Willard
Associate Patron—J. Jay Willard
Secretary—Mrs. Ida Farnum
Treasurer—Mrs Addelyn Mann
Conductress
—Mrs. Bertha Flanders
Associate Conductress
—Mrs. Alice Dudley

The installation will be held February 4th and will be semi-public.

NOTICE

"Pulpwood cutting has recently been listed as an essential occupation and those engaged in it should now include such activities in connection with any application for supplementary gasoline, tire, or automotive rations.

"If you are using gasoline-powered equipment in sawing, drawing or trucking pulpwood and it is absolutely necessary for you to have an additional allowance, you should report the fact to your local rationing board, giving full information as to the number of cords to be cut and the distance it must be trucked.

"Ceiling prices for pulpwood have been set by this office and are available upon application to your nearest OPA District Office. There is no present intention of revising these prices."

Prentiss Brown, Administrator Office of Price Administration.

WIN WITH WOOD — US VICTORY PULPWOOD CAMPAIGN

COLBY PRESIDENT TO SPEAK HERE TUESDAY

President J. S. Bixler of Colby College will speak at a special assembly which will be held at the William Bingham Gymnasium Tuesday night, Jan. 18, at 7:30. A special invitation is given to people of Bethel to be present and hear Dr. Bixler.

Dr. Bixler has taught during his lifetime in India and the Near East, and has followed with interest the current development in thos two areas. The talk will be interesting and timely.

This special assembly is the first of several that will be held during the winter and Spring. The next is scheduled for Feb. 29, when Prof. Kirtley Mather of the Geological Department at Harvard University will be the speaker. On March 21 Prof. Rollo Brown of Harvard University will be the guest of the Academy.

Students, alumni, and citizens of Bethel should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear these men of wide experience.

LOCAL SURGICAL DRESSING UNIT GIVES REPORT OF 1943

We submit the following report of the Surgical Dressing Unit of the Bethel Red Cross for 1943 beginning April 27 and ending Dec. 31.

One hundred and one different women attended throughout the year and worked a total of 1776¾ hours. We made 876 4½x8" dressings; 8,296 4x4" dressings and 7,092 2x2" dressings, totalling 16,624 pieces. Our expenses for the year were $23.19.

Those who gave over 50 hours of their time are: Daisy LeClair, 141¼ hours Elsie York, 126½ hours; Agnes Gurney, 123¼ hours; Florence Thurston, 111 hours; Lizzie Whitney, 100¼ hours; Mabel Wallace, 83 hours; Doris Lord, 77 hours; Helen Conolley, 70½ hours; Maud Farwell 63½ hours; Cleo Russell, 59¾ hours; Ada Durell, 52 hours.

Headquarters at Norway are urging us constantly to get more dressings but our attendance is limited. We greatly need many more people to help us make these dressings for our wounded soldiers. Won't you try to give a little more time?

Florence Thurston, Supervisor
Daisy LeClair, Asst. Super.
Elsie York, Asst. Super.
Agnes Gurney, Asst. Super.

GOULD MUSIC DEPARTMENT RECEIVES RECOGNITION

In recognition of the work of the music department at Gould Academy, Ralph T. Gould of Cape Elizabeth has made a gift to the trustees of the Academy. This fund is to be used to make an annual award at Commencement for the next 10 years to the boy and girl of the Senior Class making the most progress in instrumental music during their stay at Gould.

Miss Patricia Gould, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Gould, graduated from Gould Academy in 1942. Miss Gould is a very accomplished musician on the oboe, and is now studying that instrument and other fields of music at the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, N. Y.

RATION TIMETABLE

Meats and Fats: Brown Stamp T in Book Three becomes good with stamps R and S through January 29. Stamp U good January 16 through January 29.

Processed Foods: Green stamps D, E and F in Book Four good through January 20. Stamps G. H, and J good to February 20.

Sugar: "Sugar" stamp 29 in back of Book Four valid to January 15 for 5 pounds. Stamp 30 Good January 16 for five pounds to March 31.

Shoes: Aeroplane stamp number one in Book Three valid for one pair indefinitely. Stamp 18 in Book One still valid for an indefinite period also. To control the black market, loose coupons cannot be accepted except with a mail order.

Fuel Oil: Period Two coupons valid to February 8. Period Three coupons good to March 14. Class four worth 10 gallons, class five worth 50 gallons.

An all-out invasion of Europe would make heavy demands on United States petroleum production Although everything possible is being done by the Army Navy and war agencies to assure homes adequate heat, there is no reason for over-optimism The government announces each week the greatest proportion of your winter oil budget that should have been used. To be or the the safe side, keep your consumption of oil well within that percentage. That will allow a margin of safety against a cold spell.

Tire Inspection: A-car deadline March 31, B-car deadline and new C-car deadline February 28.

Gasoline: Number 8 stamps in A Book valid for three gallons through February 8. B and B-1, C and C-1 coupons good for two gallons. Only the new coupons marked B-2 and C-2 are good for five gallons.

BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Edith Buzzell and son Don from Fryeburg were at F. J. Tyler's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester French of Norway called at Mrs. Frank Bartlett's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mills and family are staying at the Mundt farm, Grover Hill, at present.

Mrs. Alanson Bowden Jr. arrived home Tuesday from California, where she has been visiting her husband several weeks.

Pvt. and Mrs. William Zintl, Mrs. E. P. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grover were in Portland and Kennebunk recently.

Mrs. Ruth Hastings of East Bethel is teacher of the fifth grade in the grammar school, succeeding Miss Ruth Davis, who resigned.

Among those leaving for Florida soon are Miss Alice Capen, Mrs. Fannie Carter, Mrs. Grace Macfarlane. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert I. Bean.

Cpl. and Mrs. Clayton Bane returned to Nahant, Mass., Sunday after spending a 10 day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyon.

Petty Officer 1c Warren Bean was at home over the week end. Mrs. Bean returned with him to Staten Island, N. Y., to stay while he is stationed there.

The regular meeting of Sunset Rebekah Lodge next Monday evening will be followed by a theatre party. The meeting will begin at 7:30 sharp.

A meeting of the Ladies' Club was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Homer Lawrence. A review of the book, "Who Walks Alone," written by Perry Burgess, was given by Rev. John J. Foster.

Miss Ruth Davis was given a party at the home of Mrs. Edith Clement last Thursday evening and presented with a gift in honor of her approaching marriage. Those present besides the honor guest and hostess were Miss Carrie Wight, Mrs. Laurence Lord, Miss Gwendolyn Stearns, Miss Alice Ballard, Mrs. Winfield Howe, Mrs. Vernon Brown, Mrs. Ernest Pebbee, Mrs. M. A. Gordon and Mrs. Evans Wilson.

Mrs. Philip Chadbourne entertained at contract at her home Monday evening in honor of Mrs. John Thornes of Norwich, Conn., who has been visiting here the past week. Prize for high score was won by Mrs. Clayton Fossett and second prize went to Mrs. Thornes Guests were Mrs. Thornes, Mrs. Myron Bryant, Mrs. Olive Lurvey, Mrs. Harry Wilson, Mrs. William Chapman, Mrs. Clayton Fossett, Mrs. Laurence Lord, Mrs. Ruth Carver, Mrs. Elmer Bennett, Mrs. Wilbur Myers, Mrs. Ernest Scotthorne, Mrs. Earl Davis, Mrs. Viola Lord, Mrs. Eugene Van Den Kerchoven, and Mrs. Edward Hammond.

SECOND BIG STORM HIT LAST WEEK

Snowfall amounting to 20 inches and more arrived in a storm last Thursday and Friday, accompanied in some places by wind. Although the snow was light, the removal mas difficult in some places on account of the drifting. It was the first snow of any amount since the disastrous storm of Nov. 22-23.

FOREST COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS PROTECTION AT TWO FORESTRY MEETINGS

Raymond E. Rendall, Maine Forest Commissioner, will be the principal speaker at two district forestry meetings to be held for farm-woodlot owners and others this month. The first meeting is to be held Jan. 19 at the Legion Hall in Harrison and will start at 1:15 p. m. The other meeting will be in Rumford at the South Rumford Community Hall, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Rendall will discuss the four forest protections: fire, insects, disease, and maintenance of growth. Of special importance will be his explanations of forest regulations. Forest Regulations involve the control of cutting in some degree by the public. Already one or more bills are before Congress on regulations of forest cutting. Last year several states passed and others considered passing regulating laws. All woodland owners, whether large or small, should be informed on the subject. Mr. Rendall will also discuss post-war plans being considered by the Maine Forest Service. All of his information on forest regulations will be of interest to every woodlot owner.

A. D. Nutting, Forestry Specialist of the Maine Extension Service, will discuss prices, markets, and cutting methods.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these meetings and hear the two speakers on their timely and important subjects.

Sgt. Robert W. Kirk, who has been stationed in Iceland the past nine months, has arrived home on furlough before reporting for duty at Grenier Field.

Mrs. Earlyn Wheeler has received word that her husband has completed his boot training and is taking his advance training at the following address: Earlyn W. Wheeler, CM 1c, SD 3014, Area A6, Co. C, Bks. 118, Camp Peary, Va.

Word has been received of the arrival of S Sgt, Irving Brown in England.

P. S. Chapman Jr. has recently been promoted to Machinists Mate Second Class. He has been transferred from Norfolk to Shincotgeaghe, Va.

Sgt. Willard Wight of Camp Croft has recently been promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Pfc. Warren M. Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Powers of Newry, graduated from the B-24 Liberator Airplane Mechanic School at Keesler Field, Miss., on Dec. 8, and was enrolled Dec. 29 at an advanced school for the B-24 at Ford's factory school, Ypsilanti, Mich., Willow Run Air Base.

Pvt. Bernard L. Powers of Newry is receiving basic training at Camp Plouche, New Orleans, La.

A letter received last week by Mrs. Fannie Carter from her son Stanley who is serving in the Southwest Pacific, states that he received his Christmas box from the Bethel Service Club the day before Christmas. He was very much pleased with it and it meant much to him, coming at that time. He wrote that they had a very nice turkey dinner on Christmas day.

AS Floyd E. West of Wilson's Mills is now a Iowa State Teachers College for a five months course of Army Air Force Instruction prior to his appointment as an Aviation Cadet.

M Clayton Sweatt Jr. is enrolled in a month's radio refresher course at the Pre-Radio Naval Training School at Michigan City, Ind. Successful completion of this course will send him to an advanced radio school where he will be eligible to win a petty officer rating.

Pfc. Edward Wheeler of Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., is at home on furlough.

Pvt. William Zintl, recently graduated from Mechanics School at Chanute Field, Ill., is spending a few days with Mrs. Zintl at the home of Mrs. Pet Zintl on [illegible] Rockingham, N. C.

CUT WOOD NOW FOR LUMBER AND FUEL

Farm families who burn wood will save money by cutting wood now for use next fall, even though labor for cutting costs more than it may at some other season. This is the opinion of A. D. Nutting, forestry specialist in the Maine Extension Service, who says that well seasoned fuelwood has a fuel value 25 to 40 percent greater than that of green or wet wood. If the family uses 16 cords of wood, seasoning means a saving of 6 to 8 days of work. Fiured another way, the four or five extra cords of wood, unnecessary if all wood were seasoned, might be sold for $60 to $70.

Green wood is expensive and unsatisfactory fuel, he says, and its use results in many chimney fires. Wood should be cut a year to several months before it is needed, and stored under cover, Mr. Nutting points out.

The need on every farm for some lumber for repairs or construction adds another reason for working in the woods now. Lumber is expensive on the market, hardwood is very scarce, and softwood is available in comparatively few areas, according to Mr. Nutting. Some farmers have found that the only way to get lumber for farm use is to agree to help the mill operator do the sawing. Another method is to pay for the sawing but assist the mill men by hauling in extra logs.

Lumber for silos, for buck rakes, for dairy and general barn repairs and for shingles is needed on many farms. The time to get it cut and sawed is this winter.

"The farmer who has to hire cutting done should plan to secure his lumber and fuel needs during January, February, and March," Mr. Nutting says, "just as the man who can do the cutting himself should make definite provisions now to make sure that he has lumber and fuel when he needs it."

P. T. A. LAUNCHES SCHOOL PROGRAM, VILLAGE SCHOOLS

For several weeks a committee of the Bethel Parent-Teacher Association has been working on a school lunch program for the village schools.

There are more than 100 pupils who come on the busses and must eat a cold lunch. These pupils are obliged to leave home early in the morning and the advantage of having a hot dish to suppement the lunch brought from home cannot be questioned. Statistics show that in schools where hot lunches are served there is a decided improvement in the scholastic standing of th pupils while the health and physical condition of the pupils have shown definite improvement.

The War Program recognizes the school lunch as an important item in the Defense Program in that it aids in the physicial and mental growth of the pupils who are our chief defense for the future.

The committee consisting of Mrs. Philip Chadbourne, Mrs. E. F. Ireland, Mrs. Sidney Dyke, Mrs. Earl Davis and Mrs. S. S. Greenleaf have procured the service of Mrs. Ava Austin to prepare the hot dish at her home from which it will be taken to the schools.

A questionnaire sent to the parents of pupils who bring their lunches met with a most cooperative response. A small charge will be made for the hot dish but this will not take care of the expense involved in the purchase of the foodstuffs, their preparation and delivery so the committee is asking all those interested in this worthwhile project to contribute to its maintenance, either by contributions of money or vegetables.

Food sales and a special movie are among the anticipated ways of raising funds. Watch for posters and press notices for the time when you will have the opportunity to contribute to the welfare of the boys and girls.

Pfc. Larry Lasker Jr. of Paterson, N. J. [illegible] his home at Gilead.

Word has been received that Cleveland Lovejoy S 2c has landed in the Hawaiian Islands. He is with the Seabees, U. S. Navy.

Pvt. Arthur Cummings from Camp Gordon Johnston, Florida is spending a furlough with his wife at West Paris.

Guy Smith of the U. S. Army is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ivan Farnum at Locke Mills.

Cpl. Leland Dunham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dunham, of Locke Mills recently arrived in North Africa.

Ralph Day of Woodstock is visiting [illegible] Mrs. Edwin Stearns.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Nazis Reel Under Combined Pressure Of Heavy Air Attacks and Sea Losses; New Air Blows Strike Japs in Pacific; Fifth Army Steps Up Assaults in Italy

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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New Britain—Map shows points of U. S. landings on New Britain island at Arawe on south and Cape Gloucester on north. (See: Southwest Pacific.)

INVASION:
Eisenhower Commands

Hitler's high command shuttled troops in western Europe as American's four-star Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower assumed command of Allied forces and the stage was set for the big second front.

Britain's Air Chief Marshal Arthur Tedder stood at General Eisenhower's side as deputy commander, with Britain's Adm. Bertram Ramsay as the leader of naval forces, and Britain's Air Marshal Trafford Leigh-Mallory in charge of all air forces.

As the Allies' supreme command buried itself in the mass of invasion detail, the tensed Germans reported heavy aerial bombardment of their channel fortifications and Commando attacks along the French coast to test their defense. As the Germans awaited the grand assault, said Nazi Marshal Erwin Rommel: Our defenses are technically correct.

FORTRESS EUROPE:
Step Up Action

Bringing heavy artillery into play, Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth army blasted the Nazis from strong points blocking the 75-mile road to Rome, while farther to the east, the British clambered past the enemy's Adriatic bastion of Ortona, won after more than a week of vicious street-to-street fighting.

As U. S. and British troops punched their way through the Nazis' stiff mountain defenses in

Germany's Scharnhorst.

southern Italy, aerial and naval warfare in Europe stepped up

Fleets of Allied bombers winged their way over the English channel to pound Nazi fortifications along the French coast, and the RAF rained another 2,234 tons of explosives on battered, hapless Berlin.

Following the British home fleet's sinking of the 26,000 ton Nazi battleship Scharnhorst off North Cape, Norway, light Allied and German naval units tangled in the Atlantic off the French coast, with airplanes being called into play to help sink three enemy destroyers and a speedy blockade runner.

RUSSIA:
Reds Advance

Delivering trip-hammer blows all along the 800-mile Russian front, Red armies surged forward again in the south as Germany's harassed high command shifted forces to check the big push.

The Reds' heavy blows in the south fell as German resistance stiffened in the north around Vitebsk. Quickly shifting the gravity of their attack, the Reds struck on a 110-mile front in the south, first punching hard at Zhitomir, then punching still harder above that railway hub at Korosten.

This winter's Russian offensive was a real slugging match, with each side in the south primarily concerned with exhausting the other.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:
Bombings Jar Japs

Japan's great air and shipping base of Rabaul on New Britain came within closer range of U. S. bombing planes with the marines' capture of two air strips on Cape Gloucester on the western end of the island.

Gen. Krueger

Following up heavy bombing which helped crumple the enemy's strong line of pillboxes, the marines stormed remaining Jap positions with flame throwers. As the marines advanced at Cape Gloucester, elements of Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth army encountered heavy resistance at Arawe to the south.

The Allies made increasing use of air power to jar the Japs loose on the wide Pacific front, dropping gasoline tanks on enemy strong points on Bougainville and sending fleets of bombers to pound installations on the Marshall islands.

AGRICULTURE:
Meat Production

Farmers received an all-time high of four billion dollars for livestock slaughtered under federal inspection in 1943 as meat production also reached an all-time high of more than 24 billion pounds.

Fifty per cent more meat was produced than during the 10-year prewar average, but after allocations to the government, civilian consumption was held to the prewar rate of 132 pounds per person. Because of rationing, however, supplies were more evenly distributed than formerly.

Meat output for 1944 was estimated at 25 billion, 600 million pounds, of which 8 billion, 550 million pounds will be required for military and lend-lease purposes.

CCC Program

To help stimulate production and fulfill commitments to support crop and livestock prices, the Commodity Credit corporation spent 3½ billion dollars during the 1943 fiscal year.

As of December 16, CCC possessed 32,696,338 bushels of wheat under 1942 loan, while 96,101,516 bushels were redeemed. CCC wheat stocks at that date totaled 86,928,000 bushels.

Principal objective of the CCC's 1943 program was to increase the production of vegetable oils, dairy and poultry products and meats, and at the same time to underwrite OPA price ceilings.

U. S. NAVY:
42 Carriers

The U. S. finds itself well equipped as naval operations throughout the world quicken, with Uncle Sam's navy boasting of 42 aircraft carriers, including sleek destroyer-escorts for protecting convoys. The U. S. started the war with seven.

Corsair and Hellcat fighter planes taking off from the carriers' decks have increased their striking power, and a deadly new dive bomber has been put in service. During 1943, the navy trained twice as many pilots as in 1942, and three times as many combat planes were sent to the front

During 1943, arming of merchant ships was speeded, 4,000 now being outfitted with weapons.

FOOD:
Chickens, Points

As the War Food administration requisitioned 170 million pounds of dressed chicken and fowl for the government, OPA slashed point values on canned vegetables and ordered frozen vegetables point-free.

WFA's action was prompted by the government's inability to obtain more than 20 per cent of the fowl they required in recent months, and the army was said to be particularly anxious to get the poultry for Sunday dinners at camp and hospital diets. Civilians may be little affected by WFA's order, however, since it does not apply to stock stored after December 30, 1943.

Because of comfortable stocks of canned green and wax beans, zero point values were established for them. A 10 per cent reduction in consumer demands for canned peas and tomatoes during the last two months led OPA to chop their point values for No. 2 and 2½ cans to 15. In an attempt to move frozen vegetables from storage to make room for record pork stocks, all point values were removed.

RAILROADS:
Strike Off

Seeking to avert a threatened strike after the switchmen, conductors and firemen and enginemen had refused his offer to arbitrate their wage demands against the carriers, President Roosevelt quickly seized the nation's railroads for the government.

Representing about 150,000 men, the three unions had balked at presidential intervention even after the trainmen and engineers accepted FDR's proposal, as a result of which they received an overall pay increase of 9 cents an hour.

Also accepting FDR's offer at the last minute were the 15 non-operating railroad unions representing 1,150,000 employees, who suddenly agreed to a former government proposal of pay increases ranging from 10 cents an hour for the lowest paid to 4 cents an hour for the highest paid, but also insisted on overtime compensation past 40 hours.

Biggest Year

Nineteen hundred and forty-three was the greatest year in the history of American railroads.

(1) 725 billion ton-miles of freight were handled, a ton-mile equaling one ton hauled one mile.

(2) Passenger traffic totaled 85 billion passenger miles.

(3) Gross earnings exceeded 9 billion dollars, although net operating income amounted to 1 billion, 385 million dollars.

LEND-LEASE:
Aid to Russia

With many of its great industrial cities razed and natural resources overrun, 3½ billion dollars of lend-lease assistance bolstered Soviet Russia in its critical hours.

To the Russ, the U. S. has sent nearly 7,000 planes, 3,500 tanks, 130,000 sub-machine guns, 150,000 trucks, 25,000 jeeps, 225,000 field telephones, and 750,000 miles of field telephone wire.

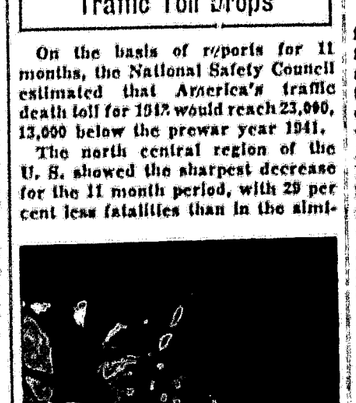
In addition, the U. S. has sent 1,000,000 tons of steel, 350,000 tons of non-ferrous metal, 400,000 tons of chemicals, 600,000 tons of petroleum products, and more than 15,000 metal cutting tools.

Besides sending wheat, flour, meats, fats and oils, the U. S. also has supplied 10,000 tons of seeds to Russ farmers.

Traffic Toll Drops

On the basis of reports for 11 months, the National Safety Council estimated that America's traffic death toll for 1943 would reach 23,000, 13,000 below the prewar year 1941.

The north central region of the U. S. showed the sharpest decrease for the 11 month period, with 29 per cent less fatalities than in the simi-



This was a fatal accident.

lar period last year. The mountain region recorded a drop of 28 per cent, the south central 24 per cent, the north Atlantic 22 per cent, and the Pacific 6 per cent.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., was the largest city in the country without a fatality in the first 11 months of 1943, while among cities of 250,000 population or more, St. Louis reported the biggest decline of 52 per cent and Philadelphia the smallest with 1 per cent.

OPA UPHELD

Officials of the Office of Price Administration in replying to a house committee charge that the OPA was guilty of "usurpation and abuse of its powers" pointed out that the courts have upheld the OPA orders in nearly all tests.

Out of 4,991 cases to the end of September, the courts have rendered decisions favorable to the OPA in all but 291 actions, officials said. They also denied that OPA regulations have caused "widespread business failures."

Washington Digest

Germany's 'Second Army' Is Nazi Way of Total War

Storm Troopers, Elite Guard Are Backbone Of Hitler's Special Military Forces; Every Third German in Uniform.

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As I walk down Pennsylvania avenue these brisk winter days with all the sharp reminders of history about me—General Jackson there on his horse, tip-tilted in the air with his charger pawing the heavens, in the center of Lafayette park; the theater on the spot where Seward was attacked as part of the plot that laid Lincoln low; and across the road, the White House with its kaleidoscope of history—I wonder about the year ahead of us.

Are we going to face a casualty list of 400,000 Americans in the next 2½ months?

I have watched the President closely at the last press and radio conferences since he returned from Cairo and Teheran. I have noted a seriousness in his mien that I have not seen before. He said, when he was asked what Stalin was like: he is a realist, like me.

And in the last few days, as I have talked with officials, I find this same note creeping into their conversations. Is America standing at Gethsemane, with the supreme sacrifice to come?

The great boast of Americans is that we are realists, that we are not to be led astray by starry-eyed dreamers. And yet the last thing that America is willing to look at is the bare facts.

Here are some of them: the Allies have one army apiece—the armed forces. The Reich has two—the armed troops and the uniformed "second army" (as early as 1939, an association of German tailors admitted that every third German was in uniform).

The Storm Troopers

First there is the "SA"—"Sturm Abteilung"—storm troopers.

They started from a nucleus of "bouncers" who kept order when the Nazis had their early meetings before they came into power. By 1932, this group had grown to three million men — Roehm's "brown shirt" army. Roehm, you recall, was purged. This great organization was then theoretically liquidated but the forces which made its organization possible remained. In 1936, there was still a great organization (disarmed, except for a dagger inscribed "all for Germany") which had a well-organized administration with 637 regiments—perhaps less than 700,000—still a goodly "second army" in itself. In 1939, this group, with nothing really official to do, was given specific duties, among them "responsibility" for the military training of all German youth, as well as "responsibility" in catastrophes and any national or local emergency.

But that is only the foundation of the Nazis' "second army."

The "SS" is the elite. "SS" stands for "Schutzstaffeln" — usually referred to as the "elite guard." These are the men whom Hitler has tried to forge into a new aristocracy. I can best tell of their training in the words of a former prisoner in an Austrian concentration camp, whom I know personally. He is not a Jew, but a full-blooded Teuton. He told me that from personal observation, when he had been forced to work in an "SS" training camp, the training of the "SS" men was just as brutal as the discipline of the prisoners except, of course, the bodies of the "SS" cadets were not injured to the point of rendering them useless. Strong anti-Nazi prisoners were hung up by their wrists with their hands behind their backs until their chest and shoulder muscles were torn apart. This, of course, would not be done to an "SS" man since it would render him unfit to serve the Fuehrer. But the "SS" cadets were beaten in the face with riding whips and pounded as mercilessly with whips and staves.

Backbone Groups

A part of the "SS" is part of the fighting army too. With complete divisions, infantry, armor, all the rest.

There is bitter rivalry between the "SS" and the army high command. It is "touch and go" as to who will be there to surrender Germany to the Allies in the end.

These are the backbone organizations of Hitler's "second army" but there are many ramifications which are strictly under the party control—the Nazi transportation corps—three separate air groups, the famous "Todt" organization ("todt" means death in German but in this case it is a man's name). This is a great construction (and now, after the bombing, reconstruction) organization, the boys who parade with shovels instead of guns.

There are several others—the Labor service, trained in camps (something like the old CCC camps in this country); then come the various welfare, women's and youth organizations.

This deep regimentation (remember, one out of three in uniform) is the Nazi way of creating a total war that is total. When the German armies are beaten, these organizations will still remain. They can work on after defeat unless they are uprooted.

A fuller realization of this problem may make it easier for Americans to understand why, after his latest trip to Europe, the President is in sober mien, why the high army officials and the civilians who know this problem intimately, hope that civilian America will not wax overconfident on the eve of military victory.

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Status of Fascism In Spain

One of the things that was not discussed by the "Big Three" or the "Big Four" in the recent meetings at Cairo and Teheran, as far as the world knows, was Spain.

The President, in answer to a direct question when he returned, said he did not see Franco. He admitted, however, that something delayed his return. He never said what.

There have been signs that someone has been whispering into Generalissimo Franco's ear just the same.

He has disbanded the Falangists. They are the uniformed party members, a real military and hard-fisted bunch of uniformed fascists, the active party members of the Spanish fascismo.

I saw a few in Spain. They were polite to me as a foreigner but they were not pleasant people. The ones I met in the ranks were raw, untutored youths, anxious for tips; glad, I would imagine, in that wrecked nation, to get food and a suit of clothes from the government.

There is nothing more hardboiled, of course, than a hardboiled youth. Take away from him the decent outlets for his animal spirits—on the ball field, in the school yard, anywhere where he can whoop and holler and be himself—and what happens? A terrific, pent-up force, all the primitive emotions seeking an outlet. The Nazis and the fascists knew this and their strength is still in the strength of the youth they perverted: the primal instincts of the caveman, which lurk within all of us, turned to the base uses of the party.

Well, Spain, a nation of individualists, has at last been able to shake itself loose from part of this bondage. The iron hand of Hitler, and the now withered hand of Mussolini, have been withdrawn. Spanish fascismo is almost an empty shell.

It is an axiom that fascism can only live on blood, the blood of its enemies and when they are not within reach, its own people. It has no other sustenance—it represents that group which, in the lower animals, produces the outlawed, the loco-ed, the mad. We have these phenomena among the wolves, among elephants, even among horses—the "bad elephant," the tiger which kills for pleasure and not for food.

Starved to Death

So Spanish fascism has been starved to death and the essential, decent instincts of civilized man are again coming to the surface.

In this great struggle of the ideologies, it has taken force to beat down force. It has taken a realization that human beings, banded together in an honest cause, have a chance against the beast, only if they can outwit him at his own game. Once the active element of evil is conquered, the natural decencies of the civilized man rise again and dominate.

Who's News This Week

By Delos Wheeler Lovelace

Consolidated Features.—WNU Release.

NEW YORK.—For this new year of pell-mell war traffic the Interstate Commerce commission has elected to its chairmanship William J. Patterson, who knows the nation's transportation system and its problems in war or peace from the ground up. He began studying them nearly half a century ago as a call boy.

Took Railroading By Mail as a Call Boy; Heads ICC

Patterson became an ICC member in 1939, but he has been on its payroll for 30 years. He was hired as an inspector of appliances in 1914 when there was a considerable stir about safety. The job expanded until a score of years later it turned into the assistant directorship of the commission's bureau of safety. Next Patterson went onto the mechanical advisory committee of the federal coordinator of transportation. Finally membership on the commission itself came from President Roosevelt.

Patterson made his first connection with a railroad in Neenah, Wis. He was born there, where the Fox Indians used to hunt and do a lot of fighting, only seven years after the town was founded. A little while as a call boy made him want a better job. Correspondence courses were new then, and well recommended for kids who couldn't get other schooling, so he studied air brake and train operation by mail. That started him up the railroad ladder and finally he became a conductor. At the peak of his rise he married, fathered a son, a daughter. Later he switched to the ICC. He is 63 now.

HITLER'S legions fall back and the little kings whose little countries lie just beyond the smoke of battle turn more boldly toward Hitler's enemies. Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce and his Allied military commission sit down to 10c sheep served on heaped up rice by shrewd warwise Ibn Saud, master of the best of Arabia. The talk, after chins are wiped, is of oil and transport privileges. But once, at least, the general certainly asked about the weather. An airplane pilot who has flown his own ships more than a million miles, he is always a little worried about winds and clouds and rain.

Gen. Royce Talks Of Oil, Transport Rights, Weather

Royce is American commander in the Middle East, big, wide-jawed, with his military cap usually cocked at a Seattle angle. He gets on with kings. A while back Egypt's Farouk piloted him on an aerial sightseeing trip, though Royce could have piloted Farouk even more skillfully. He was one of the first 30 army officers to qualify as fliers and in the last war led a squadron of fighting planes in France.

In this war he began by fighting the Japs in the Philippines and won a DSC and the DFC there to add to the Croix de Guerre he earned a quarter of a century ago. Convinced that Germany can be beaten from the air, he has commanded in the Middle East since September. Like most of the army's top men he went to West Point.

A THIN, tireless Englishman helps make the fliers of the Eighth air force, safer than Milton's "helmed cherubims . . . seen in glittering ranks with wings display'd." He covers more than the Americans' heads with steel. They fly cap-a-pie. Well, nearly! If they aren't armed from head to foot they wear, besides a helmet, an armored vest. And it turned blows like Lancelot's shield.

Of a Long Line of Tailors, This Son Makes Steel Vests

This war makes less and less sense. It uses every invention of history's most mechanized age, but the best protection for its champions is copied from the days of old when knights were bold.

A dozen years ago Leonard Barratt of the classic Wilkinson Sword company tinkered up an armored vest. Vests came easy to him. His father, grand and great grandfathers were tailors. Some were sold, in the Battle of Britain, to wives and sweethearts wanting extra protection for their airmen. Nearly two years ago Brig. Gen. Malcolm Grow, Eighth air force surgeon, heard of the dandy device. Scotland Yard helped him run down the maker and shortly Barratt was working until all hours.

The latest vests include a thigh-protector. Their flexibility is the result of overlapping plates, one, two and three ply. One ply stops light flak. Three ply stops even revolver bullets close up. Each small plate is sewn into an individual pocket on the canvas back. The whole yields to every blow, then readjusts itself as links adjust themselves in a chain.

Helmets are a development later than the vests—steel slats over leather modeled on a block to fit any head. They close down over the eyebrows, around the ears.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . *In the week's news*

INSURANCE: British maritime insurance companies have reduced the war risk rates on cargoes to and from the United Kingdom to about half the former rate, reflecting the greater security of the seas.

RESTAURANTS: The nation's restaurants, hard pressed by food restrictions and difficulties in keeping employees, are serving 25 million persons daily.

PRESSURE COOKERS: The government has taken pressure cookers off the ration list, but all purchasers will be required to specify that they intend to use the cookers for preserving food. Retailers have been instructed to take the customer's word for it. Those wanting cookers for other purposes must make application with the War Food administration office in Washington.

BRIEFS . . . *by Baukhage*

The American Palestine committee has launched a nation-wide drive to mobilize American public opinion in support of the movement to reestablish the Jewish national home in Palestine.

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On December 7, 1941, building of a 4-engined bomber required the work of 70 men for 1 year; today, only 17 workers do the same job.

Canned orange and grapefruit juice is supplied to bombing crews and submarine crews.

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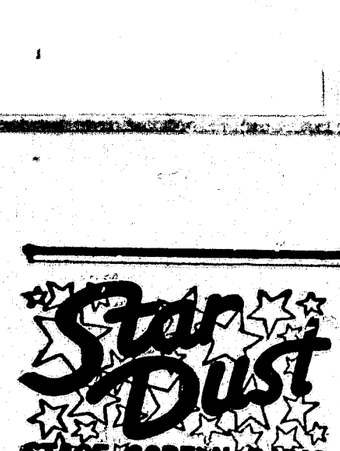
A total of 195,000 tons of lime, enough to make 3,900 heavy carloads, is used every year in the United States in connection with agricultural insecticides and fungicides

Star Dust
STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO

By VIRGINIA VALE
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

LOOKS as if Warner Bros. agreed with Jack Benny when, on his return from the European battlefronts, he declared the trip was the best vacation he'd had in years. Humphrey Bogart was just well on his way to entertain servicemen in that area when the company announced that as soon as he returned he'd start work on "To Have and to



HUMPHREY BOGART

Have Not," by Ernest Hemingway. It's a tale about the rum-running skipper of a yacht operating off the Florida Keys—sounds very Bogart-ish.

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That nation-wide search for the voice which most nearly approximates that of the famous Nellie Melba wound up with the selection of 22-year-old Jean Forward, who'll sing in Rene Clair's "It Happened Tomorrow." She moved to Los Angeles two years ago, and before that had sung leading roles with the Golden West Opera company, the Southern California Opera company, and the American Opera company. Her voice was selected from hundreds by Robert Stolz, who's serving as musical director for the production.

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When Janet Wilde was in Hollywood she appeared in a mere handful of pictures, mostly Westerns. She switched to radio, and was chosen to portray Corliss Archer in the new comedy series—and now the film folk want her back. "That's not for me," says Janet.

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Tom Coats is a stunt double whose services are hired for extraordinary feats of horsemanship. He worked in "Riding High," and one chore was to impersonate Cass Daley driving a heavy wagon at full tilt over a desert road. He had to wear a wig with a pompadour, so that in long shots he'd look like Cass—and that wig above his rugged face practically ruined the members of the crew!

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His outstanding work in films and in radio guest appearances has won William Bendix a starring air show of his own, the Blue Network's Sunday afternoon comedy-drama "The Life of Riley." It was those guest appearances that attracted the radio moguls' interest.

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To present a broad, inclusive picture of American youth in wartime and to show how youth itself is meeting the challenge of increased juvenile delinquency, the National Broadcasting company has announced a 13-week series of programs, "Here's to Youth," which will be heard Saturdays from one to one-thirty, Eastern War Time, beginning January 15. The broadcasts will be presented in cooperation with 10 major voluntary youth organizations with a total youth membership of 31 million.

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At 66, Charles Coburn, veteran of stage and screen, not only sings for the first time in films but also engages in his first screen romance. The girl is blonde Constance Dowling, who, with Coburn and Nelson Eddy, is co-starred in "Knickerbocker Holiday." As Governor Peter Stuyvesant, Coburn not only wears a peg leg, but does a dance as well.

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Ella Raines was considered too typically American to play the English girl in "The Uninvited"—Gail Russell got the role. Ella was thought too sophisticated for "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay"—Gail got the part. But—Ella's set as leading woman in "Hail the Conquering Hero," in which she'll play opposite Eddie Bracken—and it's a Preston Sturges picture!

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ODDS AND ENDS. With that lucky alarm clock back on the Fox Pap show, Parks Johnson and Warren Hull are wondering again what will happen if it ever goes off during the commercial—would the sponsor get the $10, or would it go to the announcer, they ask . . . Clifford Goldsmith, author of "The Aldrich Family," has been asked to repeat some of his especially popular scripts—an innovation in radio if he does it . . . Renee Terry of CBS' "Bright Horizon" has been awarded service stripes as a nurse's aide . . . There's been an avalanche of suggestions that Fred Allen and Lauritz Melchior do their stunt in pictures.

PATTERNS
SEWING CIRCLE

Suit Pick-Up.

GIVE a bright new feeling to your suit by adding a splash of color in the shape of a neatly fitted weskit! Complete the rejuvenating treatment with a soft, whopping sized handbag to match!

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Barbara Bell Pattern No. 1917 is designed for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20; 40 and 42. Correspondbut bust measurements 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42. Size 14 (32) weskit requires 1⅞ yards 39-inch material; handbag ¾ yard.

Due to an unusually large demand and current war conditions, slightly more time is required in filling orders for a few of the most popular pattern numbers.

Send your order to:

SEWING CIRCLE PATTERN DEPT.
106 Seventh Ave. New York
Enclose 20 cents in coins for each pattern desired.
Pattern No.....Size.....
Name.....
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The Right Jumper.

IF YOU'VE been waiting for the right jumper costume for larger women to come along—you need wait no longer. It is here—in this button front style, with the waist defining set-in belt and the classic blouse.

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Pattern No. 8552 is in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 jumper takes 3¼ yards 39-inch material. Long sleeve blouse, 2¼ yards.

States Change Methods Of Capital Punishment

Since 1928, the states that impose a life sentence for murder have decreased from 8 to 6, while those that execute by hanging have decreased from 19 to 10, says Collier's. Those inflicting the penalty by electrocution have increased from 20 to 24, while those using hydrocyanic gas have increased from 1 to 8.

Incidentally, Utah still gives the condemned man a choice of being hanged or shot.

GOOD
Just 2 drops Penetro Nose Drops in each nostril help you breathe freer almost instantly, to give your head cold air. 25c—2½ times as much for 50c. Caution: Use only as directed. Always get Penetro Nose Drops

MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS
Thousands of parents have found *Mother Gray's Sweet Powders* a pleasing laxative for children. And equally good for themselves—to relieve the distress of occasional constipation. Keep on hand for times of need. Package of 16 easy-to-take powders. 35c. Sold by all druggists.

—Buy War Savings Bonds—

COLDS DEMAND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
GET PROMPT RELIEF!
Colds may lead to serious illness, if neglected! Rest—avoid exposure. And for usual cold miseries, take Grove's Cold Tablets. They're like a doctor's prescription—that is, a multiple medicine. Contain eight active medicinal ingredients—give prompt, decisive relief from all these cold symptoms. Headache—body aches—fever—nasal stuffiness. Take exactly as directed. Get Grove's Cold Tablets from your druggist—for fifty years known to millions as "Bromo Quinine" Cold Tablets.
Save Money—Get Large Economy Size
GROVE'S COLD TABLETS

Uncle Phil Says:

Some couples manage to patch up their old quarrels until they are almost as good as new.

The fellow who is continually in hot water doesn't necessarily have a clean record.

Luck may plant a man in a high post of importance, but ability has to keep him there.

Have you noticed, the chronic kicker never kicks himself.

Don't tell other people your troubles. Most of them don't want to listen—and the rest are glad you have them.

Better the shoulder to the wheel than the back to the wall.

Good Counsel

A man may think, if he will, that two eyes see no more than one; or that a gamester seeth always more than a looker-on . . . but when all is done, the help of good counsel is that which setteth business strait.—Lord Bacon.

Smile Awhile

What Else?

Wit—What's the difference between a leopard, a tiger, and a panfor?

Nit—What's a panfor?

Wit—To cook with!

Then He Went

"What became of the hired hand you got from the city?"

"He used to be a chauffeur, and he crawled under a mule to see why it didn't go."

Only Thinking

Private—I think I'll punch that sergeant in the nose again.

Second Private—You mean to say you punched him?

Private—Oh, no, I mean I thought the same thing every day last week.

It seems now that the duration will last longer than the war.

More Below

Two soldiers, on their way for overseas duty, were standing on the deck of a transport.

First Soldier—Did you ever see so much water in all your life?

Second Soldier—You ain't seen nothin' yet. That's just the top of it.

In That Case—

"I see, dear," remarked the wife, reading from her newspaper, "that a woman has been awarded $2,000 damages for the loss of a thumb. I shouldn't have thought a thumb was as valuable as that."

"Perhaps she kept her husband under it," grunted her husband.

Reasonable

Wife (heatedly) — You're lazy, worthless, shiftless, bad tempered and you're a thorough liar.

Husband—Well, my dear, no man is perfect.

A bee's sting is only one-thirty-second of an inch long. The other two feet is purely imagination.

SNAP SHOTS

"I've been courting her for some time, but I feel confident she will refuse me when I propose."

"Ah! I see. An undeveloped negative."

Worth More

He was the club bore, and heartily detested. Rushing into the secretary's room and fuming with rage, he shouted: "I've just been offered $100 to resign. What shall I do?"

The secretary, quite calm, replied: "Hold on for a bit. You'll get a better offer."

For you to make

YOU'LL see this set in the very best places this winter—they're second to none in good looks. Crochet the smart pill-box hat of black wool and please—do the separate flowers in pink! The pink and black combination with the matching mittens are lovely with a beaver coat—or a fur coat of any sort. This is distinctly a gala dress-up set to wear with your very best winter clothes and it has no age limit.

The hat and mittens are as attractive on the chic gray-haired woman as they are on the college girl!

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To obtain complete crocheting instructions for the Pink-Flower Hat and Mitten Set (Pattern No. 5644) send 16 cents in coin, your name and address and the pattern number.

Due to an unusually large demand and current war conditions, slightly more time is required in filling orders for a few of the most popular pattern numbers.

Send your order to:
HOME NEEDLEWORK
106 Seventh Ave. New York, N. Y.

Household Hints

Empty butter cartons are handy for storing cookie dough in the refrigerator. The dough is then easily sliced into uniform pieces for molding.

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To keep the clothes prop in place when used on a wire line, place a clothespin on each side of the prop.

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More juice can be obtained from lemons if they are warmed before squeezing. A good way is to let the fruit stand in warm water for a few minutes.

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Insulating board, cut to proper shape and size, makes a neat and serviceable table pad. For larger tables, it can be made in sections.

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A small section of rubber hose slipped over the end of a faucet will help to prevent chipping and breaking of glassware.

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. What is the insigne for the military police of the U. S. army?
2. What is a gavotte?
3. The Isle of Capri is in what sea?
4. A candidate for the presidency of the United States must be at least how old?
5. Superstitiously speaking, a loupgarou is what?
6. What is the Latin name of Switzerland?
7. Why can our army and navy bombardiers hit even camouflaged targets?
8. Approximately how many men registered in the first draft on October 16, 1940?

The Answers

1. Crossed pistols.
2. A dance.
3. The Tyrrhenian sea.
4. Thirty-five.
5. A person able to assume a wolf's form.
6. Helvetia.
7. Infrared film can spot false structure (netting, cloth streamers, artificial camouflage), so that a trained cameraman, with one look, can select the proper target.
8. Sixteen million.

BACK IN GRANDMA'S DAY colds often called for medicated mutton suet as a "home remedy" to comfort muscle aches, coughing. Today, it's for Penetro, modern medication in a base containing mutton suet. Penetro's double action relieves these miseries—(1) vaporizes to soothe stuffy nose (2) acts like warming plaster right where rubbed on. 25c. Double supply, 35c. Get Penetro

Money Could Grow

Seeds of the cocoa tree were once used as money in Mexico.

WHY TAKE HARSH LAXATIVES?

Simple Fresh Fruit Drink Makes Purgatives Unnecessary for Most People

Here's a way to overcome constipation without harsh laxatives. Drink juice of 1 Sunkist Lemon in a glass of water first thing on arising.

Most people find this all they need—stimulates *normal* bowel action day after day!

Lemon and water is *good* for you. Lemons are among the richest sources of vitamin C, which combats fatigue, helps resist colds and infections. They supply valuable amounts of vitamins B₁ and P. They pep up appetite. They *alkalinize*, aid digestion. Lemon and water has a fresh tang too—clears the mouth, wakes you up, starts you going.

Try this grand wake-up drink 10 mornings. See if it doesn't help you! Use California Sunkist Lemons.

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gay comedy... hit plays for Radio
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Presented by
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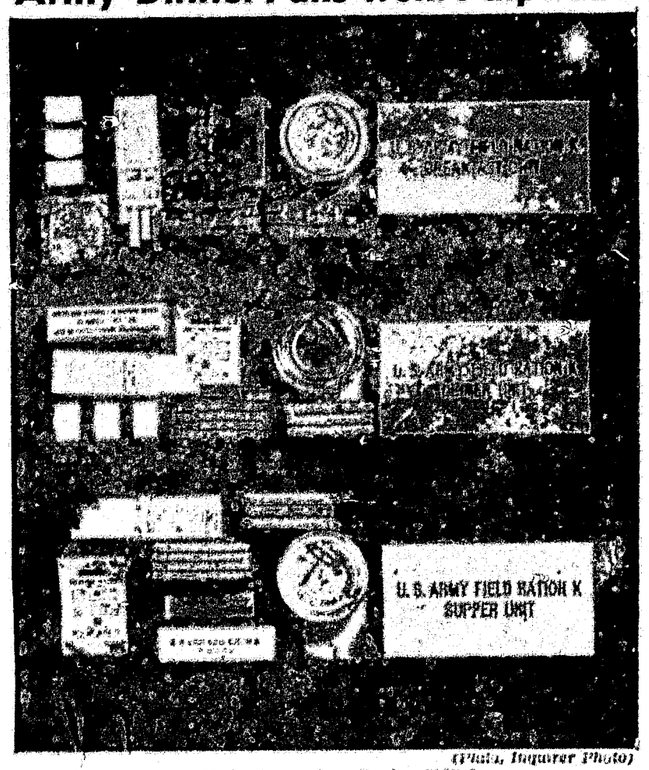
—Advertisement.

TREES, SWEAT, BLOOD and LIVES

(Acme & Red Cross Photos)

A TENSE moment during an operation only a few hundred yards from the fighting front in New Guinea. The surgeon operated at this advanced U. S. Army dressing station and administered a blood transfusion because the patient could not stand the trek back to the main base—and a life was saved! (Left) Dried blood plasma like these coming off the assembly lines helped perform this miracle and thousands of others, thanks to the millions of Red Cross volunteer donors back home. All plasma shipped overseas are packed in containers made of pulpwood.

Army 'Dinner Pails' from Pulpwood



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THIS is the famous U. S. Army field Ration "K" for emergency use in fast moving invasion operations and in places distant from the regular "chow lines." One "K" ration for each meal. It weighs only 32.86 oz., yet contains 3,726 calories. Included are biscuits, canned meat, soluble coffee, malted milk, bouillon and lemon juice powder—also gum and cigarettes. All packages, except tin, are pulpwood products. Keep 'em full! Cut more pulpwood!

SONGO POND

The record big snowstorm of the came last Thursday night followed by winds that drifted into the roads and made travel very bad in this section.

The plows have been doing the best they could with the wind against them.

Floyd Kimball and Joe Hamel were at Helen Grindle's Friday night.

Mrs Helen Jones and little son Howard, Bethel, spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Maud Grindle.

Albert Stallings has been quite ill with flu, but is better at this writing.

Hollis Grindle and Don Chase were at Albert Stallings' Sunday to fit wood for them.

Leon Millett is working on the snow plow for Arthur Kimball for a few days.

Donald Chase was in Rumford for his first examination last Wednesday.

Hollis Grindle was at Charles Bryants' Bethel Saturday.

The tractor plow plowed the road to Albert Stallings Saturday night. That was greatly needed on account of sickness.

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent

H. B. Auter took Roland Bernier to East Dummer last Sunday to get his wife and young daughter Mrs. Bernier has been in East Dummer for ten days helping her sister, Mrs. Sidney Abbott, who recently returned from the hospital with her infant daughter. They were accompanied by Mrs C. A. Judkins and Miss Ruth Judkins. Ruth stayed for a few days with her sister, Mrs Abbott.

Mrs Lottie Douglass has returned from her visit in Natick, Mass., where she spent the holidays. She was accompanied by her son, Pfc. Howard Douglass and Elsie Douglass who returned to Natick the next day.

Miss Lotta Brown is still quite ill.

Hale must be in to Washington D. C. by Jan. 18 for carrying mail on Star Route 1180 from Upton to Bethel.

LOCKE MILLS

—Mrs. Mary Mills, Correspondent

Lester Tebbets has been confined to his home by illness.

Third Class Machinists Mate Frank Vetquosky and wife visited recently with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Frank Vetquosky.

Donald Tebbets and Merle Lurvey were at Nashua, N. H. on business during the week end.

Mrs. Mary Fuller and son, Gary Lloyd have returned from the Norway hospital to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis for awhile.

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE and Vicinity

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

The Church Service at the Town House has been omitted the last two Sundays because of illness.

Wallace Cummgs still remains ill with the flu at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harlan Bumpus.

Leroy Buck is still trying to find his German police dog which has run away from home.

Rev. W. I. Bull called at Harlan Bumpus' Sunday afternoon.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1944

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Hanno Cushman has been sick.

Mrs. Linwood Felt recently called to see Mrs. Everett Cole.

Mrs. C. James Knights visited her sister, Mrs. F. H. Sweetser one afternoon last week.

Herman Cole and Willard Farwell called at Claude Cushman's Monday evening.

Isaac Judkins was at Norway one afternoon last week with Everett Cole.

EAST BETHEL

The twice postponed planning meeting of the East Bethel Farm Bureau was held at the home of Mrs. Bernice Noyes. Nine were present. Officers elected for 1944 were:

Chairman—Mrs. Gladys Tyler

Secretary—Mrs. Marguerite Bartlett

Treasurer—Mrs. Leona Curtis

Foods Leader—Mrs. Bernice Noyes

Clothing Leader—Mrs. Floribel Haines

Home Management Leader—Mrs. Edith Howe

The meeting dates for the year were planned out. The next one being Jan. 26, "That Horrid Cold," to be held at the home of Mrs. Howe as an afternoon meeting. After the dates were all settled Mrs. Noyes had charge of a garden and house plant questionnaire and showed the members various bulletins put out by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on different plants and diseases of plants.

Francis Holt carried Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Swan and daughter Betty to Farmington Friday, where little Betty was left with her aunt, Mrs. Cuvier Hutchinson. Saturday Raymond Holt, Mrs. W. G. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swan started for Hartford, Conn., where Mr. Swan will resume work after a long period if ill health. Mrs. Holt remained in Boston for observation and treatment and will visit her daughter before returning home.

Another snow storm arrived Thursday and Friday, leaving about 20 inches. It drifted as it came so it made hard work for the plows. The big tractor plow was down Sunday afternoon and opened up the Rumford road and the side roads. The Hood milk truck didn't get around until Monday morning to collect milk.

Mrs. Ruth Hastings is teaching the fifth grade at the village school and riding in the Academy bus.

The schools here had their postponed Christmas party at the school house Monday afternoon.

SCHOOL SAVINGS
Week of Jan. 10

Grade	Sav. Bank	Total	PerCent
I	$7.00	$14.60	67
II	4.00	4.75	65
III	2.00	2.05	01
IV		1.75	03
	$13.00	$14.05	
V	$4.00	$4.20	77
VI	4.00	4.20	50
VII	0.00	4.30	
VIII	5.00	3.60	70
	$10.00	$16.30	

Grades I and V have the banners.

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RED & WHITE Drip or Regular
COFFEE lb. carton 31c
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CRACKERS lb. pkg. 24c
SUNSHINE GRAHAM
CRACKERS lb. pkg. 20c

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PANCAKE FLOUR 2 pkgs. 19c
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CAKE FLOUR 44 oz. pkg. 23c
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Cut Pulpwood for War, Army Plea to Woodsmen

Flying squadron of Army's "Salute to Wood" Caravan on 1,200-mile tour of eastern and northern Maine, goes into woods to make appeal for more pulpwood and lumber for vital war uses, directly to cutters. Photo shows Major Alex Smith speaking from sound truck at woods rally on start of tour. On ground (left to right) Pvt. Henry Jubinville, who lost hand in battle at Bizerte, and Lieut. Fred Nason, Jr., of U. S. Army Air Corps, home on furlough after fighting Nazis in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. Seaman Basil Izzi, Navy gunner on supply ship, and rescued from raft after 83 days, is third hero on squadron tour. p.207

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I see where Mr. Joe Stalin says to his newspaper boys over there, "Boys," he says, "anytime you can dig up some news, you can print it, bad news or good news—right away. Let the folks know what is going on," he says. "If the news is good enough, we will celebrate a little—shoot off some cannons." If you live here and care for the latest news, you will have to subscribe for the Moscow Gazette.

The folks on the Mayflower came over to establish a free country. But since the Mayflower, she looks like we been deteriorating. The Govt. tells us how many gas coupons we can have—how many pork chops on our coupons. The AAA says, raise wheat, or don't raise wheat, and how many acres. The SEC says you can run your business as it sees fit, and not as you see fit. The TVA gobbles up the power business in Tennessee.

When the war is over and we have freed Tunisia, and Siam, and the Figis, Eisenhower and MacArthur can come back home and free America.

Yours with the low down,

JO SERRA

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Mrs. Fannie Carter spent Tuesday with Mrs. Richard Carter and Mrs. A. Carter.

Mrs. Richard Carter visited her sister, Mrs. Ada Connor Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ethel Ward is working for Richard Stevens. Mrs. Stevens is ill with the grippe.

Miss Mildred Olson visited Mrs. Lillian Carter, Tuesday.

Twenty-four inches of snow are reported to have fallen in this vicinity, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Harold Bartlett visited her brother, Everett Small at Gray over the week end.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mills and son of Locke Mills were recent callers at R. L. Martin's.

Due to the heavy snowstorm the children of the vicinity were unable to attnd school last Friday.

Roy, Louis and Beryl Martin returned to their wood job on Long Mt. after spending the week end at home.

Leroy Martin called on Irving Martin over the week end.

Friends of Pvt. Ray Hanscom were very glad to hear of his safe arrival in England.

Dan Cole has been harvesting his ice recently.

The snow plow has been through several times recently. Seems good to get a road through again.

GILEAD

Miss Hazel Spear and Mrs. M. J. Cook of Portland spent several days last week with their cousin, Mrs. Florence Holden.

Charles Losier of Portland is visiting his father, Larry Losier, and family.

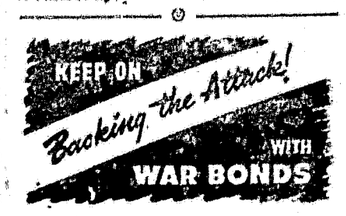
Ronald Lapointe, who has been quite ill, is much improved.

Irving Leighton of Portland is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Leighton.

Frank Heath spent the week end with relatives in Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. Florence Holden was a visitor in Gorham, N. H., Wednesday.

Mrs. Hilda Donahue of Bethel was a guest of friends in town Wednesday.



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SCHOOL DAYS — By DWIG

SOUTH BETHEL

Harold Tibbetts moved his family to Fairfield Monday. Mr. Tibbetts goes in the Army next week.

Francis Brooks and Jack Buckman were in Rumford Tuesday.

Leah Spinney finished work at Lockes last Tuesday and returned to school.

James Spinney was home over the week end.

Bob Kirk of U. S. Army has been visiting his mother a few days.

Quite a few this way are sick with the flu and grippe.

The neighbors are getting pretty well shoveled out after this last snow storm.

Little Mary Jane Spinney is home sick this week.

The Hart children have the whooping cough.

Ernest Brooks of Bryant Pond spent one day last week at his brother's, Frank Brooks.

Mrs. Addie Raimey has been ill the past week with the flu.

Miss Margaret Newell of Dixfield was a guest of her friend, Alice Mason several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Butters at their home in Lovell, recently.

Joseph Leonard has been visiting at Irving Cuttings at Buckfield a few days. Mr. Leonard is 84 years old and very smart for a man of his age.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker received word from their son, Guy M. Parker Jr. that he has been promoted to Seaman 1c. He is stationed somewhere in South America. Mrs. Parker has besides a son in the Navy, a brother, Leslie Butters in the Air Corps in Georgia, a brother-in-law George Therriault in the Sea Bees, South America, two nephews, Hermon and Prudent Bedard in the South West Pacific, and a nephew, Robert Trimback in Texas.

Mrs. Elsie Hinkley has been ill with the flu.

WEST BETHEL

James Westliegh has gone to Boston to the Clinic hospital for observation and treatment.

Mrs. Sanborn is boarding with Mrs. T. E. Westliegh.

Roland Knoeland who recently injured his shoulder is able to return to work.

Arthur Johnson has had an attack of flu and is now confined to the house with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wheeler and Miss Hope Wheeler are all ill with the flu.

Mrs. George Hammond has been quite ill.

Archie Hutchinson is again able to carry the mail.

School children from Mason and the Flat road have been unable to get to school for several days on account badly drifted roads.

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BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

Mrs. Rupert Hathaway visited Mrs. Elden Hathaway and Mrs. Jason Bennett at Locke Mills last Saturday.

The children of Ernest Billings who attend Woodstock High School are staying in one of Mark C. Allen's rents for the winter.

In a letter recently received from Pvt. Robert Farrington at Camp Shelby, Miss. He wished to thank Woodstock friends for the Christmas box and also for the many gifts sent to him.

The Susan E. Haswell Mission Circle held a nice vegetable supper Tuesday night, January 4th at the Social dining room for the members and each member to invite a friend. The caravan from Rumford were invited to visit the Mission Circle, but on account of sickness were unable to come Miss Ethel Ford gave a very interesting talk on her work in the Mission Schools in North Carolina. Nearly all the members of the Mission Circle were present.

Postmaster Lee M. Rowe and wife returned home from their trip to Montreal, Canada where they have been on a visit to Mrs. Rowe's relatives. Mrs. Rowe's brother who she had not seen for four years was at home. He has been with the armed forces in England.

Nearly all the people who have been sick with severe colds and flu are better now including Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayes, Abner H. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dudley, Homer Farnum, Ramona and Mary Stuart Farnum, Mark C. Allen and Alden Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Billings and George Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Swan have had severe colds.

Ernest Mundt of Westbrook was on Grover Hill, Sunday. He spent over a week in Rumford to be near his parents and brother and sister in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitman have received several letters from their son, Arthur in the U. S. Coast Guard Service, Manhattan Beach, N. Y.

True Brown was another victim of the cold epidemic last week.

GROVER HILL

Encouraging reports have been received regarding Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mundt, James and Miss Alice Mundt who are pneumonia patients at the Rumford Community Hospital.

The family of Chas. Waterhouse have all been ill with the prevailing epidemic. Marion Waterhouse, cadet nurse at the C. M. G. Hospital was home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mills and children are keeping the Mundt home open during the owners absence.

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Fancy Iceberg LETTUCE	2 heads 25c	IGA ROLLED OATS	lge. pkg. 21c
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WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent

Young Peoples Day will be observed at the Universalist Church Sunday morning. The Young People will have charge of the service.

Rev. Father R. Dunstan Penley from Portsmouth Priory, Portsmouth, R. I. is spending a 10 days vacation with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Y. Penley.

Clayton Gammon, who has been the guest of his father, Ernest Gammon and Mrs. Gammon also his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gammon returned to Camden Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Curtis and family are moving to Portland Saturday. Mr. Curtis is employed at the ship yard.

Hot lunches at the school building are being served the children beginning Wednesday.

Mrs. Lena Redding left Friday night for Palm Beach, Fla., where she will spend the winter.

Miss Eva Tucker and Miss Clara Berry visited the former's sister, Miss Ruth Tucker at Mrs. Corey's Nursing Home, Davis Avenue, Auburn, Monday and found her condition slightly improved.

In order to conserve oil heat the Good Will Hall at the Universalist Church will not be heated until the the last of March and the Primary Church School will meet with the Juniors in the Church auditorium.

Mrs. Earle A. Palmer Jr, is leaving Saturday to spend the week end with her nieces, Constance and Sharon Mann, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hegy at Billerica, Mass. Earle Edwin will spend the week end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Palmer at Bethel.

Mrs. W. Wright Flavin is recovering from surgery at St. Maries Hospital, Lewiston.

NORTH NEWRY

There was no school here Friday on account of the storm Thursday night. Neither did we have any mail until Saturday night. This is the second bad storm this winter to block the roads.

Telephone service was resumed here just last week which was disrupted due to the storm at Thanksgiving time.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morton are visiting at H. H. Morton's.

The Upton snow plow was in Newry plowing roads Saturday.

Herbert Morton Jr., went to Bosebuck Camps, Magalloway, with E. Perley Flint to put in the ice for next summer.

The regular meeting of Bear River Grange which was to have been held Saturday night was postponed on account of the storm and condition of roads.

R. M. Bean was a caller at L. E. Wight's Tuesday afternoon.

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CARIBBEAN CONSPIRACY

by BRENDA CONRAD

THE STORY SO FAR: Anne Heywood, beautiful daughter of a wealthy New York newspaper publisher, goes to Puerto Rico on an assignment for her father's paper. Also on the island are Pete Wilcox, a reporter on her father's paper, now a U. S. Army intelligence officer; Miguel Valera, a Puerto Rican educated in the United States who is a secret U. S. agent; Richard Taussig, an engineer whose identity as a German agent is suspected but not yet proved; and Russell Porter, a young American engineer, and his wife, Sue, who has given Mr. Taussig some valuable plans. Realizing her mistake, Sue has come to Anne for help. Anne agrees to meet Mr. Taussig, who thinks she has them.

CHAPTER XVII

The little hills along the horizon were like small conical dips of green and brick-red ice cream dotted over the landscape. The narrow road, winding and curving between the sweeping lanes of flamboyants was lovely. It must be very beautiful, Anne thought, when the trees were scarlet with bloom.

"Where are we going?" she asked.

Mr. Taussig turned back with a smile. "I think we might tell her. Or shall we surprise her?"

"We are going to a coffee plantation, Miss Heywood," Diego Gongaro said.

The road was full of Army trucks now. She kept thinking how easy it would be to call out to one of the blond sunburnt boys at the wheel. But she didn't do it. Then they were climbing, the tires shrieking as they went around hairpin curves with steep banks on one side and scarred bare cuts on the other, in the face of the hill where they'd widened the road. Below them was a river and a power plant. Mr. Taussig opened his guide book and unfolded the map on the back cover. Anne saw him take a pencil out of his pocket, make a circle on the map and fold it again. She straightened up a little, a sudden idea dawning in her mind.

The map was not like the one in her book. The island in the center of it was not the same size, or the same color. It was more elaborate and detailed and took up most of the page, while hers was a small rectangle in the middle of a lot of ocean.

She settled back in the corner feeling Diego Gongaro's eyes on her face. It was in the car again, the thing she'd felt on the way to the sugar mill. It was danger.

On the left the bank sloped across a field of cane to a narrow valley of pasture land. She could see a few cows grazing, and as they rounded a sharp curve she saw a yellow and black airplane sprawled in the pasture, like a great grounded wasp. She sat quietly waiting. The road curved again, and they came up to a faded blue stucco wall with a broad archway in the center. They drove through open iron gates and pulled up at the house, blue stucco also, with dark balconies at the upstairs windows, closed tight and heavily shuttered.

"Here we are," Gongaro said. He handed her out onto the marble slab in front of the door, then reached into the car and picked up her handkerchief. "—Is this yours, Señorita?"

"Thanks," she said. "I'm always doing that."

"I know," Diego Gongaro said.

She understood that the remark had some meaning, but not knowing what, let it go.

"The house is yours, as the Spanish say, Miss Heywood," Taussig said.

He followed her into the cool foyer. The irony in his voice tapped out a sharp warning in the back of her head.

"Upstairs, please, Miss Heywood," Diego Gongaro said. He opened a double door at the top of the stairs.

"There is your story, Miss Heywood," Taussig said. He pointed to the plane lying in the field.

Anne waited. She was not afraid now. It was as if the alert had sounded, and she was ready, every nerve poised and keen.

"Please — sit down, Miss Heywood."

His whole intonation and the rigid posture of his body made it sound exactly as if he'd said, "Bitte—setzen Sie sich, Fräulein." She hadn't thought of him that way before she sat down. Gongaro moved to the gallery and stood there, his hands behind his back twitching impatiently. Through the spindles of the balustrade Anne could see a man crossing the field to the plane. It was their chauffeur. She could tell by his cap and the outline of his head.

She looked back at Taussig. He was pulling open the fasteners of his brief case. She watched calmly as he took out a small blue steel automatic and put it on the desk beside him. She wasn't frightened. It came to her with a burst of something like joy that she wasn't.

"Go on, Mr. Taussig," she said. "Airplanes themselves are no longer news. Perhaps you know that."

"That plane is news, Miss Heywood," he said curtly. "As you will soon see."

The khaki-colored field car mounted the steep road above Cayay. Two long fingers of light reached out in the dark. The sharp empty curves sprang into relief and vanished in the blackness as the powerful motor skirted high naked banks. Below them the valleys were heavily blanketed with mist as dense as white snow.

Pete Wilcox sat behind the driver and the soldier with him, perched up in the topless vehicle built for speed over rough terrain and not for looks. He hung on with one hand and held the ear phone of the two-way radio to his ears. The first message had come through as he passed the barracks at Cayay. "Calling P.J.W. Calling P.J.W." Then the code. Their car was leaving the Granada. He was waiting impatiently. "Acting on Information Received," as they put it in G 2, it wasn't the first time since he'd left San Juan at 4:45 that the ghastly doubt had come to him that Information Received might have been cooked up especially to get him out here.

He waited. "Calling P.J.W. Calling P.J.W." the soft monotonous voice said in his ear. Their car was passing Fort Buchanan.

He looked at the spot on his map that was supposed to be their destination, and settled back, grim-faced and hard-eyed. They had begun to descend the other side of Cordillera. The scout car swayed from side to side around the hairpin curves. The soldier in front of him was pale green but not actively sick . . . yet.

"This about it, sir?" he called back over his shoulder. The bank dropped down below them in a tropical jungle, lush and green and dense.

"We want an iron gate on the right," Pete said.

"Okay, sir."

They made another sharp turn. "That it, sir?" Pete saw it at the same time, set in a ten-foot hedge

"Go on, Mr. Taussig," she said.

of hibiscus and roses. It was a high ornamental grille, barred, bolted and tied with a chain. A sign in Spanish said "Private Property. Beware of the Dogs."

The driver grinned. "I guess they don't want anybody to come see 'em, Captain."

Around the first half circle of the winding road beyond the gate the driver pulled into the bank.

"Okay, sir," he said. "Him and me are surveying this road. That the idea, sir?"

Pete nodded. "Be careful you don't get run over."

They got out instruments and set them up. Pete waited with the earphone on his head. He was getting jumpy again. He had recognized the voice on the phone. Its owner was to meet him here—if and when, he thought. He lighted a cigarette. The hands on the clock on the dash and the hands of his watch moved together in a slow conspiracy. Finally it came, low and monotonous.

"Calling P.J.W. Calling P.J.W."

Their car was going through Mayaguez. Berinquen was signing off. The rest was up to him.

He took the phones off and jumped out of the car. "Get going, boys," he said. "A man's coming. He'll ask for me. I'll be up that mule track. Keep your eye on the road below. A black car will go in the gate. Give it half an hour, and then park across in front so nobody can get out. Get it right."

"Oh, boy!" the driver said. He saluted with a broad grin. "Yes, sir."

"Don't shoot unless somebody pulls a gun. Shoot hell out of anybody who does."

He made his way up the mule track through the coffee trees. It was cool and green under the ferny branches covering them with shade. He kept climbing, trying to get the idea out of his head that he might be walking into some kind of a trap laid for himself as well as Anne. At last he came out into a clear flat patch of ground and looked down. He could see a valley below and the red tiled roof of the house. Beyond it he caught the gleam of the sun on the shiny nose of a trimotored plane.

Suddenly he straightened up at a new sound in the stillness of the green mountain top, dropped his cigarette, put his foot on it and waited, his face grim and his jaw tight. Miguel Valera was coming up the mule track.

He came into the clearing and stopped. For a moment the two of them stood looking at each other with steady appraisal. Miguel Valera came forward.

"We're going to start down," he said. "We can get there before they do. If you don't mind doing as I tell you, there ought not to be any trouble. We have plenty of time."

"Before we go," Pete said quietly, "I'd like to know where you stand in this business."

"At the moment my chief interest is Miss Heywood," Valera answered evenly. "The rest of it is up to you. I'd like to keep out of sight if possible, for reasons of my own. If I can't, Okay. Are you ready?"

Pete looked at him for an instant. "All set," he said.

They crossed a ravine and started up a rounding slope.

"What about your people?" Pete asked.

"The peons?"

"Yes."

"They're all right. The common people have an idea what democracy means, even out here."

The road ahead of them was lined with royal palms. A man came riding out of an archway in the blue stucco wall. He nodded at Miguel and set off down the road. They crossed the dirt compound and entered the house.

"Upstairs," Miguel said.

"I don't get your part in all this," Pete said. "Whose side are you on?"

"My people's," Miguel said calmly.

"That depends on your point of view, doesn't it?"

"I think not.—Be quiet. They're coming."

Pete looked at him in the half-dark. It could still be a trap.

"—It is a story, Miss Heywood," Mr. Taussig said, "that I should not have told you if you'd minded your own business. Perhaps I should be as concise as possible, because time is precious."

Anne crossed her knees and leaned back in her chair.

"There is not much point in your taking notes, since unfortunately you will not be able to write the story. I'm telling it to you to keep my end of the bargain, and because there is a little writing I'm going to ask you to do.—And please, Miss Heywood, don't be so detached. It's annoying. If you think this is a joke, you are quite wrong."

"I'm just interested, Mr. Taussig."

She spoke calmly. It was the fatalism of the end of the road. It was even a pleasure to be able to make him angry.

He recovered from his annoyance.

"You may remember the five gentlemen you spied on under the courtyard stairs night before last," he said. "If you had not left your handkerchief there we might not have realized how stupid you were being."

"—He doesn't know Miguel was there," Anne thought. "It was stupid," she said.

"The gentlemen—three of whom are with you today—feel that something must be done to save their work. For your . . . story, our work is simply to render the Gibraltar of America hors de combat when the signal is given."

He tapped his brief case.

"The plans are simple and very carefully organized. I regret there isn't time to go into them in detail. I think I hear the motor of our plane being tuned up. We have a skeleton organization, however, that will function. The plane you see out there, for instance, serves a dual purpose. It brings money, and it brings ammunition. Both are downstairs in the storage rooms we passed, under a couple of feet of coffee beans—which, since the market is so bad, Don Alvaro wisely refuses to sell."

"Does Don Alvaro know about it?" Anne asked slowly.

"Don Alvaro," said Mr. Taussig "has the old-fashioned idea that wars are fought and won or lost on the field of honor."

"How very quaint of him."

A cobra glint shone in the concentric circles of his spectacles for an instant.

"His brother-in-law, however, has the modern notion of the bloodless war. When the time comes, for instance, your Panama Canal will fall with very little loss of life, and quite intact."

"I wouldn't count on it too heavily," Anne said.

"As you won't be here to see it, Miss Heywood, you can take my word that it will. There are a great many Sue Porters in the world."

He reached under his coat brought a tiny camera out of the concealed pocket in his sleeve and put it on the table.

"I was able to micro-photograph the charts before you stole them, fortunately. One of the notes I will require you to write will be to Mrs. Porter, telling her where you put them. So, if you will just take this pen, Miss Heywood, and write as I dictate, we will get under way."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

TO YOUR Good Health

by DR. JAMES W. BARTON

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LOW BACK PAIN

Whenever I see a man with a stiff or "poker" back and a drawn expression on his face walking "carefully" along the street, I want to stop and ask him about what caused it. I feel this way because I had an attack of low back pain due to injury and others due to infected teeth and tonsils. As I have had no trouble for many years I am naturally anxious to help others get rid of their trouble. Being a physician, I cannot, of course, discuss the matter with these patients.

Dr. Barton

One of the causes of low back pain and sciatica (pain in hip running down back of leg) which was unknown until recently is rupture or crushing of the cushion or disk between two of the bones in the spinal column in the lower back.

In the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Drs. Donald McEachern and William V. Cone point out other symptoms besides the low back pain and sciatica. The full picture includes (a) onset of back pain and sciatica, or both, following strain or injury; (b) the symptoms come and go; (c) symptoms grow worse by bending backwards and sideways and by coughing and sneezing and straining; (d) tenderness on stretching or pressure on the sciatic nerve situated on the buttock and down back of thigh and leg; (e) tenderness on deep pressure on the back to the side of the disk or cushion that is crushed or ruptured; (f) increased pain, decreased pain, or complete lack of pain in the part of the skin over the nerve root supplying the part; ankle jerk is less than normal or absent altogether.

Drs. McEachern and Cone point out that low back pain due to a ruptured disk may be severe but the patient is unable to describe it clearly and that disease of kidney, bladder, or abdominal organs may be suspected and even operations performed. Where the skin over the back and the affected side is unusually painful or sensitive to the prick or stroke of a pin, and the sensation is described as "vibrating," "spreading" or painful, it is considered due to a ruptured disk and not to any kidney or abdominal disease.

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Infants Require Some Solid Food

A story of former years concerned the circus manager and the tame lion. At one part of the act an attendant put his head into the lion's mouth. This attendant being sick the manager asked another attendant, a new man, to take his place. He refused, whereon the manager said, "The lion is very tame, he was brought up on milk."

"So was I brought up on milk but I eat meat now," was the attendant's reply.

Milk has been, and is, the great standby of infant and children feeding; in fact, adults are advised to drink a pint of milk daily. However, milk is not a complete food as children grow older, and the question arises as to when and how solid foods should be added to the diets of children.

Dr. T. G. H. Drake, Toronto, in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, states that in introducing solid foods into the diet of infants, the regular feeding intervals should remain the same. New foods should be offered one at a time. The first solid food should be a cereal thoroughly cooked and be porridge-like, not a gruel, containing minerals and vitamins; the cereal should contain wheat, oats and corn meals, with added minerals and vitamins. While grain brown cereals, while higher in minerals and vitamins than the white cereals, may be irritating to the infant's bowel on account of the bran they contain.

Cereals for infants should be cooked for one to four hours in the proportion of ½ cup of cereal to 1½ to 2 cups of water. The water is measured into the upper portion of the double boiler, a pinch of salt added, and the water brought to a boil. The cereal is added slowly with constant stirring to prevent lumping.

While milk is the most complete food known, "milk alone either human or cow's, provides all the food necessary only the first month of life, after which other foods, must be added."

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QUESTION BOX

Q.—Is there a cure for mucous colitis?

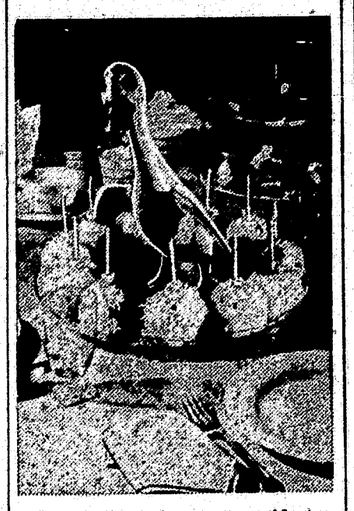
A.—Cure of mucous colitis rests with the patient. He or she must try to keep relaxed in mind and body.

Q.—Will you please tell me what causes an overabundance of electricity in the body?

A.—Everybody seems to have some electricity; you appear to have more than the average. Nothing needs to be done about it.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Entertain Simply, But Do Entertain Even in Wartime



One small recipe can provide two dozen of these small, fluffy candle cakes which will be a delight at any get-together for your dessert luncheon or afternoon refreshment. They're particularly nice for a birthday.

Now that you've finished entertaining the family and relatives during the holidays, you can get back to your club work and social activity in earnest.

Most of us, from either the budget or ration point consideration, cannot afford to entertain for luncheon as we did formerly, but we can still afford the same gracious hospitality, even with less food for our guests. Should you wish to entertain at luncheon, do so with a simple salad, sandwiches or beverage. Or, it's very fashionable to entertain at a dessert and beverage luncheon.

A simple cake to go nicely with your dessert luncheon or afternoon refreshment is this one. The surprise item is coconut which now has found its way, even though in small quantity, to some markets:

***Coconut Candle Cakes.**
(Makes 2 dozen small)

1¾ cups sifted cake flour
1½ teaspoons double acting baking powder
⅛ cup butter or substitute
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, unbeaten
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon lemon or vanilla extract
1 cup moist sweetened coconut

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and sift together 3 times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add flavoring. Turn into lightly greased cupcake tins filling ⅓ full. Bake in a moderate (375-degree) oven 20 minutes or until done. Frost with snowy lemon frosting and sprinkle with moist, sweetened coconut. Arrange cakes on a platter and insert candle holder with candle on each cake.

Snowy Lemon Frosting.

2 egg whites, unbeaten
1½ cups sugar
3 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind

Combine egg whites, sugar, water and lemon juice in top of double boiler, beating with rotary egg beater until thoroughly mixed. Place over rapidly boiling water, beating constantly with rotary egg beater and cook 7 minutes or until frosting stands up in peaks. Remove from boiling water, add lemon rind and beat until thick enough to spread. Makes enough frosting for 2 dozen cupcakes.

Well-seasoned finger sandwiches made from flaked fish will go well with an aspic salad for a very lovely luncheon:

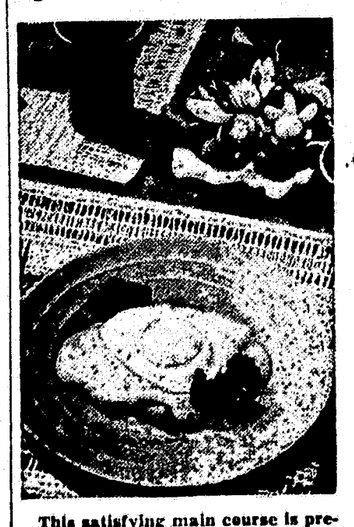
Lynn Chambers' Point-Saving Menu

For Luncheon
*Tomato Aspic Vegetable Salad
Finger Sandwiches
*Coconut Candle Cakes
Beverage
*Recipe Given

***Tomato Aspic Vegetable Salad.**
(Serves 8)

1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
2 cups tomato juice
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon celery salt.
1 tablespoon grated onion
1 teaspoon worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1½ cups grated raw carrot
½ cup diced celery
2 green onions, sliced
½ cup sliced stuffed olives
Mayonnaise or salad dressing

Soak gelatin in cold water. Heat 1 cup tomato juice to boiling. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Add celery, salt, grated onion, worcestershire sauce, lemon juice and remaining tomato juice. Stir to blend. Pour into a ring mold. Chill until firm. Unmold. Fill center with carrot, celery, green onions and olives which have been mixed with salad dressing.



This satisfying main course is prepared by melting ¼ pound of process cheese with ½ cup evaporated milk, seasoning with worcestershire sauce and ½ teaspoon prepared mustard, then serving on toast with poached egg. It's delicious.

Dieting friends will welcome this combination custard and cake dessert because it doesn't contain as many calories as rich desserts. It's delicate and ideal when served with tea for afternoon refreshment.

Lemon Cups.
(Serves 6)

1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons butter or substitute
3 egg yolks, beaten
¼ cup flour
⅛ teaspoon salt
1½ cups milk, scalded
5 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
3 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Cream together sugar and butter. Add egg yolks. Beat in flour and salt. Add milk. Stir in lemon juice and rind. Fold in egg whites. Pour into custard cups. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 350 degrees. Bake for 35 minutes longer or until a toothpick thrust into the center comes out dry. Chill. Serve directly from custard cups.

Your guests, young or old, will like these attractive corsages. They're very much edible and good, too!

Popcorn Corsages.
(Makes 16)

1 cup sugar
½ cup water
1 teaspoon vinegar
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon red food coloring
6 cups popped corn

Combine sugar, water, vinegar, corn syrup and salt; stir until sugar dissolves. Cook to hard ball stage (265 degrees F.). Remove from heat; add butter and coloring. Reserve small amount of syrup for fastening wooden skewers. Pour over popped corn, stirring constantly. Form into two-inch balls. Dip skewers into syrup; push into balls. Back with lace-paper doilies and cellophane circles. Tie on bows of ribbon or cellophane.

If you want sugar-saving suggestions, write to Lynn Chambers, Western Newspaper Union, 210 South Desplaines Street, Chicago 6, Illinois. Don't forget to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

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Lynn Says

Bits of Wisdom: Gentle treatment is the rule for eggs. They are liable to get tricky if you use anything else.

Pare, not peel potatoes. You'll be able to see the difference. When boiling potatoes, be sure to use boiling water, plenty of salt.

For mashed potatoes, use enthusiasm plus a wooden spoon and don't spare either.

Waffles should be crisp. Don't open the waffle baker while the iron is steaming. That means it's cooking.

Recipes are a chart and a guide. Good cooks as well as brides need them—then you can always get good results, avoid failure.

Save Used Fats!

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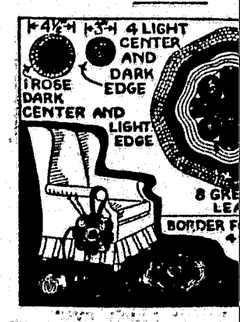

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The sketch gives all the directions you will need to copy this fascinating braided rag rug with a flower medallion in the center. Or you may make two of the medallions, sew them together and add a braided handle for a knitting bag. Braid the fabric strips tightly and keep the work flat while you sew the circles for the roses and the loops for leaves; then sew them together. Use carpet thread double for this and for sewing the braided rows around the edge of the rug.

NOTE—This rug design is from BOOK 8 which contains 31 other things to make from scraps of fabric and other odds and ends. Price of book is 15 cents. Address:

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Farmers Get Set to Achieve Still Higher Food Goals as 1944 Planting Begins

WFA Calls for a 6% Increase Over 1943's Record Production

Farmers all over America are busy with preparations for their 1944 production battle. They have set a goal of 380,000,000 planted acres, from which—including meat, poultry and eggs—they expect to produce 4 to 6 per cent more than the 1943 food record and enough vegetable oils and fibers to meet essential war needs.

That is an ambitious program, but the War Food administration points out that America's farmers have reason for their confident outlook. They've just closed the seventh successive year in which their intention to produce more food than the year before was fulfilled. Food production, at the beginning of 1944, has reached a point 32 per cent higher than before Pearl Harbor and 5 per cent more than the 1942 record, which many believed could not be duplicated.

Acreages on most food crops will be increased in 1944, according to planting goals set at fall meetings of farm leaders in the agricultural areas. National needs for farm products, previously determined by the War Food administration, were presented at these sessions. Upon the basis of these needs, the goals were set.

Whether they are met or not will depend upon many factors, the chief one being the yield the farmer gets from his land.

That yield, in turn, is influenced first by weather. A farmer may have the finest of soil, plus all the labor, machinery and supplies he needs, but if the weather is bad his crops will not be up to expectations. On the other hand, excellent growing weather can do much to mitigate the problems involved in labor and supply shortages, and even low fertility of land. The past few years, when records have been broken right and left under conditions far from ideal except as to weather, make this very clear.

Conservation Ups Yields.

It should be pointed out, however, that conservation practices have played an important role in bringing the productivity of United States farms to its present all-time high. Yields per acre have averaged 20 per cent more during the past five years than during the previous 20, and on some crops the increase has been phenomenal.

The total acreage increase needed to meet the 1944 goal, most of which will be devoted to food crops, will be about 16,000,000 acres. Average yields would result in the hoped for upping of production over last year.

Chief increases in acreage planned by U. S. farmers are 50 per cent more sugar beets, 24 per cent more wheat, 23 per cent more peanuts, 21 per cent more dry peas, 19 per cent more soybeans, 14 per cent more sweet potatoes, 11 per cent more fresh vegetables, and 9 per cent more dry beans. Small increases are set up for potatoes, sugar cane, and vegetables for processing.

The farm goals also recommend a 2 per cent raise in total milk and egg output, with a similar increase in the number of dairy cows. A slight decrease will be sought in chickens and turkeys raised, together with a sufficient volume of livestock slaughter to reduce the number of meat animals on farms from the record high reached in 1943. Such a volume of slaughter would bring an increase in total meat production this year of 8 to 10 per cent, and a 4 to 6 per cent increase over the all-time high reached in 1943 for the combined output of poultry, dairy and meat products.

The number of milk cows on farms on January 1, 1944, will be large enough to permit realization of the 121 billion pounds of milk set as the year's goal, according to figures from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. However, it is pointed out that the level of milk production during the year will depend to a considerable extent upon the quantity of feed concentrates available to dairy producers. The feed situation is expected to become tighter as locally grown crops are used up in areas where supplies are short.

Livestock feed will be one of the chief problems in the northeastern dairy states and in the southern states where dairy farming is a comparatively new enterprise. It will enter into calculations everywhere, however, and in some areas maintenance of milk supplies may necessitate cutting in on other crops in order to provide sufficient feed.

The estimated feed-grain production for 1943 was 116 million tons, 7 per cent less than the record output of 1942, but 16 per cent higher than the preceding five-year average. While supplies of both wheat and rye available for livestock feeding and by-product feeds may be larger in the coming months, the number of grain-consuming animal units currently on farms is much above normal and considerably larger than a year ago.

Cattle-feeding operations are expected to be on a smaller scale than last season as to the number of cattle on feed, with shorter feeding periods also indicated.

Double-Cropping Emphasized.

Another problem of national scope is the continued need for double-cropping to make possible the planting of some 15 million more acres to crops than there is good growing land to be planted. In 1943 farmers put 360,457,000 acres in crops on an actual acreage of some 340 million acres. This was accomplished by the planting of two or more successive crops on a given piece of land which otherwise would have lain idle after a single harvest for the year.

It is expected that inroads will have to be made in 1944 on summer fallow land, and that much idle land of low productivity may have to be brought into use if it does not seem feasible to continue double-cropping on certain farms or to increase sufficient of the permanent crop acreage to take care of the planting goals. Pressure for cropland is going to be heavy everywhere, says WFA, but especially in the West.

Machinery problems are not expected to be as severe in 1944 as last year, although machinery for harvest will still be less in quantity than would be desirable. Some planting equipment will be at a premium, also. Relaxation of specified restrictions by the War Production board, and continued efficient application of the time-honored sharing of equipment always a part of neighborly farming, will help alleviate those shortages that must be overcome.

Labor, while it will be scarce again in 1944, is not expected to present any unusual problems except in specific areas. The main difficulty will probably be to get the workers where they are needed when they are needed. As in 1943, farmers will have to rely in the peak harvesting periods on voluntary help from the urban centers.

Assembling and marketing of crops, especially in the South, will need some attention to make the best possible use of the abundant harvests to be sought during the year. Marketing problems may be expected to remain largely local in character, and their solutions also local.

Conservation practices will receive further emphasis in 1944, with attention focused on those practices which will increase production this year and in 1945. The need is to keep a cover on the land, prevent immediate danger of erosion and apply vitalizing material to the soil in such forms as lime, superphosphate, slag and other fertilizers, green manure "turn under" and legume planting. These are all calculated to aid in increasing yields as well as in preserving the productivity of the soil.

Conservation problems vary with the different regions, depending upon topography, soil, climate and conservation needs of each state. Four points must be considered, says WFA, in determining the necessity for any specific practices. They are:

1. Will it contribute to increased production?
2. Will its returns be immediate and substantial?
3. Is it easily understood, and is its performance practical for the farmer?
4. Can it be easily and effectively administered?

For example, the use of more fertilizer is recognized as a major method of increasing food production on the proposed acreage of cropland, without increasing labor and farm machinery requirements. The use of fertilizer is estimated as probably accounting for a minimum 20 to 25 per cent of total food production in 1944, if supplies are available as anticipated.

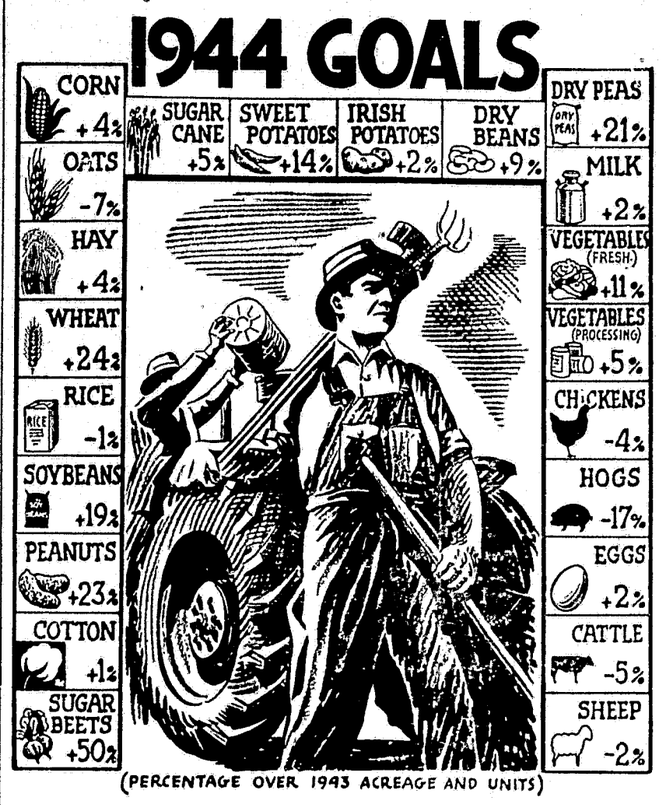
Assistance Available.

Government aids to assist farmers are available for the most part through the County Farmer Committeemen of the Agricultural Adjustment agency and the County War boards. These include help in procuring essential machinery and supplies, labor, information on marketing and transportation, necessary credit, and technical assistance of various kinds. Certain types of loans are expected to be available which will aid food producers.

Overall objective of the 1944 farm program, with its record-breaking goals on acreage and production, is to supply the largest amounts possible for food, feed and fiber for war without destroying future productivity.

Emphasis will be on production of crops with high food value for direct human consumption. War demands call for the right amounts of food, the right kinds of food, and food in the right places at the right time.

It is why producers are planning to grow the things that will stretch the food supply to the utmost.



Amateur farmhands will be available again this year, particularly during the summer vacation period when many city boys and girls are willing to help raise food. This Long Island, N. Y., high school girl learned to milk during a four-week course.

Manganese Found Essential to the Growth of Plants

Recent research work has disclosed that the element manganese is essential to plant growth and in the nutrition of animals, but it must be controlled so that excesses, which are injurious to growth may not develop.

H. J. Snider, assistant chief in soil experiment fields, University of Illinois college of agriculture, points out that as soils become depleted of their natural fertility, manganese becomes available in larger quantities and may, under these conditions, prove injurious to crops. When soils are treated with limestone, the availability of manganese is greatly reduced and there may be no injurious effects on well-limed soils. However, the small amounts that are required must be supplied to prevent improper development.

Plant leaves contain relatively large percentages of manganese while grain and seed contain comparatively minute quantities. It is conceivable that deficiencies might occur in animals and poultry when a strict grain ration is followed too closely. If they are allowed access to leafy plants, possibilities of manganese deficiencies are remote.

This extensive research project was made possible by the development of improved chemical methods for the study of manganese, Snider says, and the results have brought out the importance of this heretofore little known trace element.

FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

by Roger B. Whitman

Roger B. Whitman—WNU Features.

FIREPLACE CHIMNEY

Question: One of our three chimneys is not in use except for a Franklin stove set up in the living room. Is it possible, without completely rebuilding it, to convert this chimney into a fireplace chimney, to give us a fireplace in the living room? Also, what can be done to stop "creosote" from running down the wallpaper on the chimney in the room on the third floor?

Answer: A good mason who is familiar with chimney and fireplace construction should be able to do whatever is necessary to give you a fireplace. It may not take as much rebuilding as you would suppose.

When wood burns, especially greenwood, saps and gums become vaporized and start up the chimney as smoke. If the chimney is warm to the top, these vapors pass out without making trouble. On the other hand, if the upper part of the chimney is cool the vapors condense and turn into creosote. This may soak through the brickwork and come out on the plaster. It may drip through joints in smoke pipes. In time it will form a hard lining in the flue. An inside chimney connected to a range or stove in which there is a continual fire will remain warm. An outside chimney, with thin walls, and connected with a stove having a low fire, or one that is only lighted occasionally, is the commonest cause of creosote trouble. In building a chimney the flues should have fire clay linings to keep creosote from soaking into the brickwork, and the walls of the chimney that are exposed to weather should be at least eight inches thick. Coal would be a better fuel than wood.

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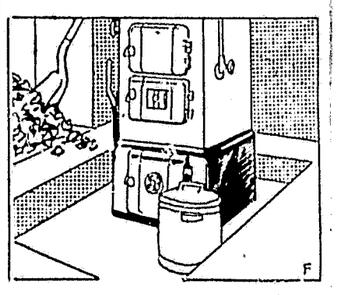
BOILER PIT

Question: I am having trouble with a steam heating system that recently was installed. The boiler was put in a pit nine inches below the surface of the cellar floor. Water



keeps seeping in and around the level of the heater. The firm that put in the heating system rebuilt the pit, but water still comes in. Please advise.

Answer: A reliable mason contractor or waterproofer should be called in to rebuild the pit with a good, dense waterproof concrete of sufficient thickness to withstand water pressure. Ask your dealer in mason materials to recommend a good contractor for the work.

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Oil Burner Puffs Back

Question: There is a downdraft in my chimney, and every time I start my oil burner it will gag and puff back, shaking the whole house. To overcome this I have to close the draft control entirely. How can I correct this condition?

Answer: There are several reasons why the oil burner puffs back. A faulty shutoff valve back of the nozzle in the burner, an automatic draft control improperly adjusted or installed in the wrong place, or too much baffling in the furnace are some of the possible causes. Have an expert oil burner serviceman check these and other possibilities for you. I am, of course, taking for granted that the chimney is large enough and has no obstructions.

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Drafty Kitchen Windows

Question: My kitchen windows are weatherstripped, but there is a draft on windy days. Because of certain conditions I am unable to place storm windows on the outside. Could I put storm sash on the inside?

Answer: Yes; storm sash can be installed on the inside, and will help to cut down the draft. You should, however, have some way to ventilate the kitchen.

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Painting Venetian Blinds

Question: I should like to repaint my venetian blinds. They face the sun all day. Shall I use indoor or outdoor paint?

Answer: Use a good quality, quick-drying synthetic resin enamel. Apply it according to directions given on the can, and see that the surfaces are clean and dry.

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Preserving Eggs

Question: What is the method of preserving eggs by the use of silicate of soda?

Answer: Clean a five-gallon "stone" crock or jar and scald it thoroughly. Boil nine quarts of water and allow to cool; then add one quart of sodium silicate (water glass), mixing thoroughly with water. The eggs must be covered at all times with at least two inches of this solution. Keep in a cool, dry place, tightly covered to prevent evaporation.

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SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

Low costs prevailing, post-war world consumption of natural and synthetic rubber may total 2,000,000 tons a year, is the prediction made recently by John L. Collyer, president of The B. F. Goodrich Co. This would be nearly twice as much as ever consumed in a record year to date.

Some 32 million pounds of rubber will be needed by the Army Signal Corps this year for insulating W-110-B wire used in maintaining direct communications. An additional 4 million pounds will be required for friction and splicing tape. Just two of the many rubber-using items of this Army branch.

Jerry Shaw

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH
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9:45, Church School. Miss Minnie Wilson, supt. Classes for all.

11:00, Sunday Morning Worship. Special singing. Mrs. Mildred Lyon, organist. Subject of sermon, "Arm-Chair Philosophy."

6:30, Youth Fellowship.

Remember February 27 to March 5, "The Week of Dedication."

And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him. St. Luke 13: 17.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. John J. Foster, Minister

9:30 a. m. Sunday School. Classes for all. A friendly welcome awaits you. Bring your friends.

11:00 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon topic, "A Little Postern Gate." The members of the Sunday School will attend the first part of this service. A children's story, "Harry's Expense Account," will be told by Mr. Foster.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet in the Chapel at 6:45 o'clock. The program will include an installation service for the newly elected officers to be followed by a forum on the subject, "A Just and Durable Peace." The new officers, Carol Robertson, Roger Gould, Doris Mann, Ruth Marriner and Shirley Read, will each give brief talks on the subject and then lead in an open discussion of this timely topic. All young people are invited.

The Ladies' Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Van Den Kerckhoven on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 3 o'clock.

The Year-'round Club will have a sleigh riding party on Friday evening, Jan. 21. The members will meet at the Manse promptly at 6:45 o'clock. Following the ride the members will go to the home of Richard and Carolyn Bryant for refreshments.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"Life" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Wednesday evening meeting on second Wednesday of each month

THE BRYANT POND BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Franklin Keehlwetter, Pastor

Morning Worship, 10:30. Sermon, "The Deserter." Text, 2 Timothy 4: 10.

Sunday School, 11:45; Juniors, 3:30; Young People, 7:00, Evening Service, 7:30.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at the parsonage.

The Androscoggin Ranger

—T. W. McCONKEY—

—Acting District Ranger—

White Mountain National Forest

Readers of this column will be especially interested in learning of the most recent change in Forest Service personnel. Henry C. Waldo now knows his official station as Washington, D. C. He assumed his new duties as Industrial Specialist in the Pulpwood Unit of the O. P. A. on January 5, 1944. The exact nature of his new job is not known at present. However, he expects to do considerable travelling through out New England and the Lake States in connection with pulpwood operations. In these days of limited transportation facilities, such travelling may well prove one of the most difficult parts of this position. His first assignment was in New York City to attend the Canadian Pulpwood conference on January 6th. Mr. Waldo went from there directly to Washington. His family remains in Laconia. It is interesting to note that he will work with another New Englander John Chandler from Bartlett, N. H. John is now Chief of the Pulpwood Unit. It is most fitting that the news be released through this column since Mr. Waldo is credited with originating the appearance of a column in local papers at regular intervals. As far as we can gather the first column was written on June 10, 1939 and has been continued under various authors to the present. Henry wrote the column from the beginning date until he left for Laconia in July, 1942, to assume duties as Fire Control Assistant.

Mr. Waldo has been with the Forest Service since 1935 when he started work at the Tripoli C. C. C. Camp on the Pemigewasset District. In December of that year, he came to Plymouth as Assistant Ranger. He remained there until December 1938. At that time he transferred to Littleton as District Ranger for a short stay, until September 1939, when he came to Gorham. Henry expects to return to the Forest Service when the emergency period is ended.

SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE DONE

ONLY THE WORTHY REMAIN FREE

As the calendar heralds 1944, grim predictions of allied political and military leadership rank foremost in the minds of all people. Nineteen-hundred-forty-four is the year of decision. It is the year of total war and destruction, death and suffering. It may well be the year of military victory—thanks to the courage of our fighting men and the American production miracle.

Armament production in the United States has reached staggering proportions. In November, every five minutes saw the birth of one new complete plane. The month's total was 8,789, of which 1,000 of which were heavy bombers. More than 150,000 war planes have been built since the start of hostilities.

Nineteen million tons of merchant ships were launched in 1943, compared to 1,163,000 tons in 1941.

Naval and shipbuilding has outstripped the imaginations of the wildest dreamers. About a dozen aircraft carriers were turned out in November alone. Warship tonnage in 1941 was 2,132,000. Out of the ashes of Pearl Harbor it rose to 5,000,000 tons in 1943, a colossus bent on the destruction of Japanese aggression and Nazi tyranny.

Tanks, guns and supplies are being produced in unbelievable quantities.

These things were made possible by the productive genius of free enterprise. In the hands of 10,000,000 American men and their companions in arms, they are America's answer to the warped leaders of Europe and Japan who have challenged our freedom.

But we have no cause to rejoice. Tens of thousands of our men must die in 1944 to meet the challenge of the dictators. Usual year-end speechmaking and editorial phrase making are out of place. The people were told when the war started that they would have to make sacrifices. They were told that this was total war. And yet, other than those who have given their men, no one has so far made an iota of real scarifice. It is not in the cards for such a condition to continue.

Sometime in the not-too-distant future we, at home are going to find out what total war means, even though we may never feel the impact of bombs on our cities.

A pretty good indication of how we are going to find out can be seen in the gusts of bitter controversy sweeping through the land over strikes, taxes, subsidies and inflation. They are the prelude to the storm. When it hits in full fury the test of our love of freedom will be upon us.

No person in this nation can ever shut from his mind the awful vision of the last days of 1943 in which 1,000 marines lay dead on the beaches of one little South Pacific island. Those men died for the right to be free. We at home have yet to prove worthy of the freedom for which they died.

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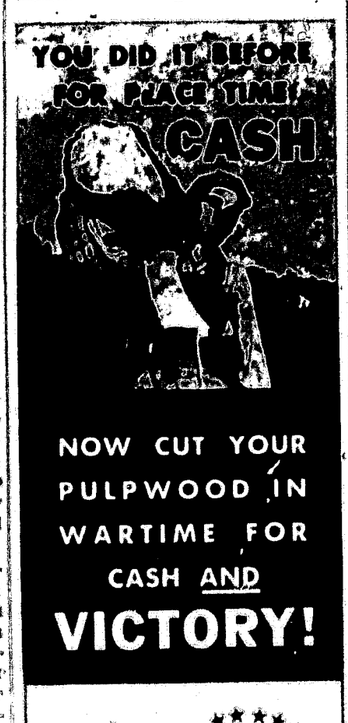

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

GEORGE A. MUNDT UNIT

George A. Mundt Unit, American Legion Auxiliary, met with Mrs. Jane Van Den Kerckhoven Tuesday evening. One guest from the Rangeley Unit and 11 members were present. The meeting was preceded by a pot luck supper. Mrs. Mundt was reported to be gaining slowly. It was voted to have only one meeting each month during January, February and March, and it was decided to finish soon a quilt which is partly made.

The Unit is sponsoring the Girl Scouts again this year. The regulations for an official service flag for the Legion Rooms were read by Mrs. Carrie French.

The February meeting will commemorate the birthday anniversaris of Lincoln and Washington.

BETHEL LANDMARK GONE

The Kellogg buildings, formerly the Mark Swan place, at the foot of Mill Hill, have been razed by a crew of Bethel Inn employes, and it is reported that the land will be used to enlarge the golf course. Th property was purchased last year by the Inn.

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-Years Ago-

40 YEARS AGO—1904

Local telephone lines have been constructed from the Greenwood and Rumford lines to Bethel, and on to Mason. Not only the people in the village but outside as well, are putting in instruments; the system has connected with the local lines in the adjacent towns so that through the local service we are connected with a large circuit which extends pretty much over the county.

A movement is on foot to light the village by electricity. A meeting of the citizens will be held at the News office Thursday evening of this week and all interested are invited to attend.

25 YEARS AGO—1919

Locke Mills—The community was very much saddened Saturday morning by the sudden death of one of our most thrifty young men, C. B. Tebbets, one of the owners and manager of the Tebbets Spool Manufacturing Co.

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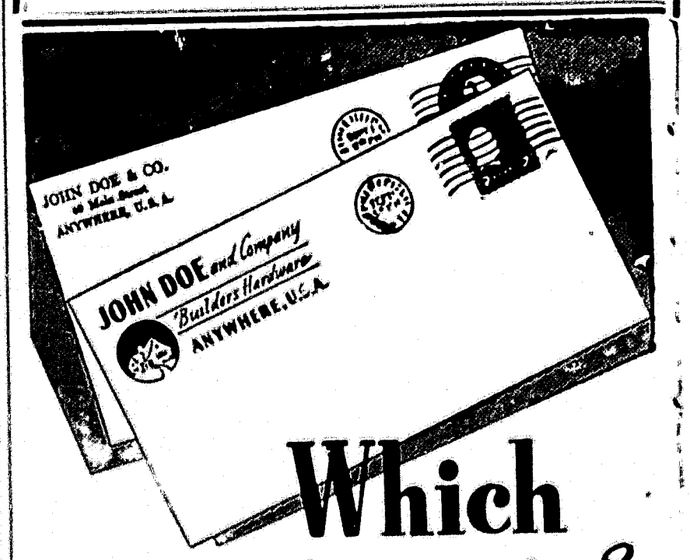

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The CITIZEN